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A-level record sparks standards row

By David Charter
Education Correspondent

A-LEVEL pass rates are set to rise to record levels this month, boosted by the first major set of grades from "test as you go" modular courses.

Ministers have been told to expect a leap of at least two percentage points in the pass rate and are braced for renewed charges that the "gold standard" of A level is being eroded.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, will argue that the best-ever results reflect the extra efforts of this year's students. But she is already preparing to tighten standards on the new-style courses, which critics insist are much easier to pass.

Better grades will trigger a scramble for places at traditional universities once results are published on August 15, as students are forced to compete for fewer vacancies in popular subjects.

Up to one in seven of this summer's 750,000 A-level entries is from a modular course, where students are examined as soon as they complete each unit of the course — roughly equivalent to a term's work. Students can retake units as many times as they like and research has shown that the typical candidate achieves one grade higher than on a traditional A-level course examined after two years' study.

The pass rate has risen steadily from 72 per cent in 1987 to 84 per cent last year. However, an inquiry ordered by Mrs Shephard into standards after last year's record grades has been delayed until the autumn. Officials say exam papers from earlier decades have been hard to find, but they were also keen to distance publication from this year's results in case it cast doubt on students' achievements.

The Times has learnt that Mrs Shephard will act in the autumn to curb the unlimited number of times a student can re-take units of modular A levels. This has been criticised as giving candidates an unfair advantage, and in most subjects only one retake per unit will be allowed.

Mrs Shephard is also considering a suggestion from Sir Ron Dearing, her chief curriculum adviser, to ensure that half of a modular A level is examined at the end of the course instead of the current maximum of 30 per cent.

In another of a series of measures to answer the critics, examination boards will have to provide a wider range of questions for each modular unit to make "question-spotting" more difficult.

Modular courses have become hugely popular with sixth-formers since they were launched in mathematics, and this year's results are the first since they became widely available in English and the sciences. Four out of five maths A levels completed this summer were modular — around 50,000 candidates — as well as half of all science courses, approximately 65,000 entrants, and one in ten English A levels, around 8,500 students.

In the only major study of standards in modular A levels, University of Newcastle researchers found the average grade in mathematics was C, compared to D on conventional courses. Only 4 per cent of modular candidates failed, compared with 22 per cent on traditional courses. Supporters of the modular system say it motivates students to work throughout the sixth form for exams, rather than encouraging cramming at the end of two years' study.

Mrs Shephard recently showed her exasperation at criticism of the continuing rise in A-level grades. "*If there is an improvement in* marks it will be that the exams have got easier. If they are worse, it will be 'We told you so'," she said. "It would be good, if there is an improvement, if some people thought fit to say so."

Pressure grows for US raids on Tehran

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

REPUBLICAN leaders in America, placing pressure on the Clinton Administration, last night urged military strikes against reported terrorist camps in Iran if the United Nations failed to persuade Tehran to close them.

The bellicose response from Capitol Hill came amid reports that calls and transmissions tracked by the CIA out of Tehran had "raised suspicions" of an Iranian connection to the TWA Flight 800 crash in which all 230 passengers and crew died.

Mounting evidence of the regime's involvement in the tragedy off Long Island last month and the attack on American forces in Saudi Arabia in June came after confirmation by the Pentagon yesterday that the detonator and explosives which killed 19 American airmen in Dhahran indicated the hand of international sponsorship.

American forces in the region have been placed on the highest alert status for fear of further raids and the Clinton Administration is viewing as "very serious" a new threat of high-powered transportable mortars, said to be made in Iran.

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, demanded that the UN take immediate action to close 11 training camps in Iran, reported to have trained guerrillas who bombed American military targets in Riyadh last November and, most recently, in Dhahran.

"If the Iranians refuse to close them down, I think that there are a number of military means capable of closing them down," said Mr Gingrich referring to the possibility of American military and air strikes against Iran.

Although William Perry, the Defence Secretary, said no connection had been made between the Dhahran bombing and the TWA crash, a report in *Time* magazine today quotes a well-placed American intelligence source stating that the CIA and FBI, who have been monitoring all communications out of Iran, are suspicious of an Iranian link to the air disaster.

The CIA is analysing its own intelligence and that of the National Security Agency on a meeting of terrorist leaders in Iran the month before the crash to see if a green light was given for the attack.

At the same time, the FBI is looking at the movements of Hussein Mikdad, an alleged Hezbollah terrorist purportedly backed by Iran. In April, Mr Mikdad flew from Zurich to Tel Aviv with bomb parts hidden in hand luggage. Eight days later he blew off his legs while assembling a bomb in an east Jerusalem hotel. FBI agents are now being dispatched to Israel to study his methods for any signs of bombcraft that may be traced to Flight 800.

Ali Akbar Velayati, Iran's Foreign Minister yesterday wrote to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, asking him to take action against what he called an American campaign accusing his country of terrorism.

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The Princess Royal with her husband Tim Lawrence talking to the Duke of Edinburgh on their way back to *Britannia* at Cowes. Page 5

Olympic Britons forced to sell kit

By John Goodbody

TWO British divers have been so desperate for money that they have been forced to sell their official Olympic kit to local Americans.

As the debate continues on the underfunding of British sport in the wake of the worst performance at the Olympics since 1952, Robert Morgan and Tony Ali, who are unemployed, spent the weekend bartering with tourists to raise money for a night out to celebrate the end of the Games.

Morgan, 29, the 1990 Commonwealth high-board champion, said: "We are skint. We are desperate for money. We have no sponsorship and we are selling the gear to have a *night out*."

Morgan, 13th in the high-board competition, gets an elite £15,000 grant from the Sports Aid Foundation to cover training expenses. Ali, 22, who trains with Morgan in Sheffield, and finished 18th in the springboard competition, receives less than £5,000 from the foundation.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, yesterday told *Welt am Sonntag*, a German newspaper, that the Games could have been better and he would not support a privately-funded Olympics again.

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BMA backs doctor who aborted twin

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

DOCTORS' leaders last night defended as ethical a leading obstetrician's decision to abort a healthy twin whose single mother cannot cope with two babies.

The British Medical Association described the case as "no different from any other abortion" but churchmen and pro-life campaigners condemned the operation as horrific and morally wrong.

Professor Phillip Bennett, of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, west London, describes his patient as a 28-year-old woman who already has one child and is in straitened circumstances. It is believed to be the first "selective termination" of its kind in Britain.

The operation is usually performed in cases of artificially fertilised multiple pregnancies, either if one foetus is showing signs of abnormality or if a number of embryos "take" to the womb, increasing the risk of complications. An estimated 100 such operations are performed annually in the United Kingdom.

The Department of Health said it was legal for Professor Bennett to terminate the 16-week-old foetus because the Abortion Act would have let him abort both.

Howard Tripp, Roman Catholic auxiliary bishop of Southwark, said: "Both twins *have an equal right to life*, and equal opportunities is something which we are rather 'pro' at present."

Professor Bennett told the *Sunday Expresss* that the single mother would choose abor-

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Garden expert dies after fall

Geoff Hamilton, presenter of *Gardeners' World* and Britain's best-known gardener, died yesterday after falling from his bike during a charity cycle ride.

Mr Hamilton, 59, from Rutland, who has presented the show on BBC2 since 1979, collapsed while riding near Merthyr Tydfil. He had suffered a heart attack a year ago .... Page 5

Balloch cashes in on Oasis

More than 80,000 Oasis fans engulfed the tiny Loch Lomond-side town of Balloch for a two-day extravaganza.

Local people cashed in with farmers letting fields for parking at £5 a time and camping at £10 a tent. The Balloch Hotel sold five times as much beer as in a normal week and the parish priest put on two extra Masses......... Pages 5, 15

How to teach your old dog new tricks

By Russell Jenkins

SCIENTISTS have discovered that pet owners can turn their *dogs into smarter animals by* treating them like sheepdogs, police alsatians or guard dogs.

Owners are being encouraged to play sophisticated hunting games with their pets so as to put the animals back in touch with their instincts.

Animal behaviourists at a pet therapy conference at Cambridge University were told that, in a scientific comparison with working dogs, the average household dog has grown enfeebled by an *overdependence* on its master. Working dogs, which have to sleep outside, are simply smarter, more alert and inquisitive than the pampered golden labrador.

Pet therapists have devised a "tough-love" regime to resolve the canine-identity crisis. Dr Anthony Podberscek, of *the University of Cambridge* veterinary school, said owners who treated dogs like people could cause behavioural problems in their pets. Under the regime, dogs are not allowed to sleep in owners' bedrooms or to sit on their laps when they watch television.

A team of academics from L. Eotvos University, in Javorka, Hungary, took 16 companion dogs and 12 working dogs and, in the presence of their owners, asked them to forage for a "hidden" dish of food. Working dogs were much more successful at finding the food while the pets simply looked helplessly at their owners for guidance on what to do.

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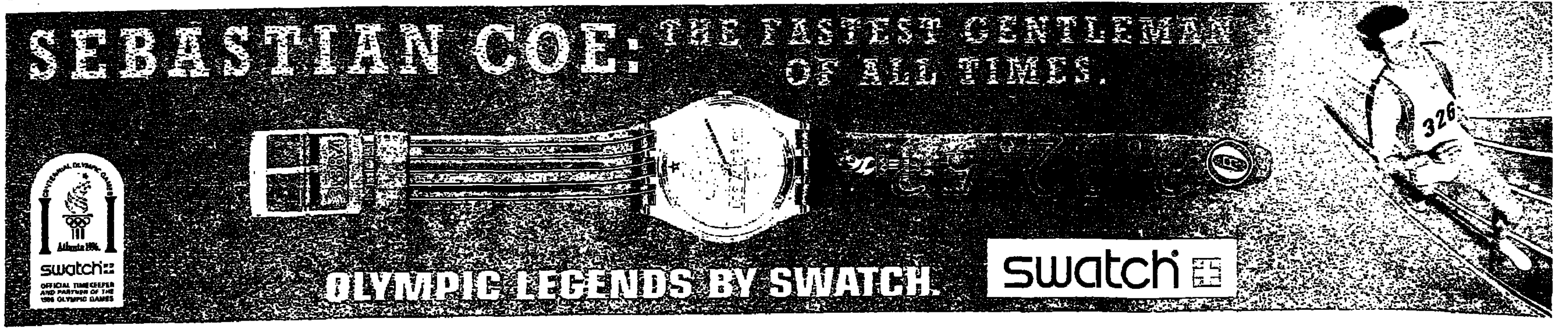
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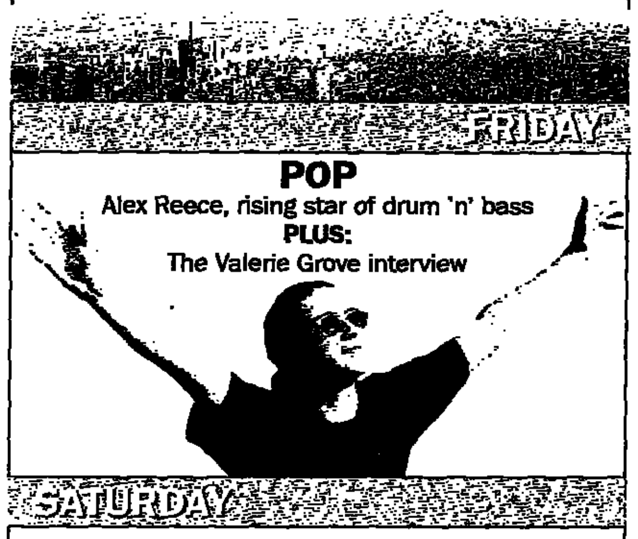

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Fears persist of Labour spending

Wavering Tory supporters drift back to the fold

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WAVERING Tory voters are beginning to return to the fold, according to a City survey that shows the persistence of traditional fears over Labour's tax-and-spend policies.

The elusive "feelgood" factor finally appears to have returned and, had its effect on the voting intentions of the 1,000 people surveyed who voted Conservative at the last election.

But the poll shows that the Tories failure to rule out a single currency before the next election could could cost John Major dear. Up to 30 per cent of the waverers were prepared to consider voting for Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party.

Yesterday, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, gave warning that a decision on a single currency could not be postponed for too long. Pressed on his views by the GMTV *Sunday* programme, Mr Portillo stuck to the government line that the question of whether to join a European monetary union could be deferred, but added: "This is a big decision and it is coming. The decision as to whether we should join a first wave is coming quite soon."

Portillo: issued warning over decision on EMU

Despite the Conservatives' troubles over Europe, the party's policies were preferred by 59 per cent of those asked, compared with only 15 per cent who preferred Labour.

The survey, which was conducted for James Capel, the stockbrokers by Opinion Research Business, shows tentative signs of a Tory revival. Support for the Tories among those who voted for them last time is 79 per cent, the highest figure since the private quarterly surveys began in April last year.

"The big improvement in the feelgood factor, which we first noted in January, has been sustained and, against a background, where house prices and consumer spending are reviving, appears to be filtering through the to the political preferences of our panel. Our poll is starting to suggest that the Tories may have turned the corner with those who voted for them in the last election," the survey says.

The Labour leadership will be dismayed by the results. Voters on the panel have not been convinced by the intensive propaganda drive to banish the image of Labour as the party of high spending and high taxes.

The increase in Tory support coincides with an 10 per cent rise over the same period to 76 per cent in the number of voters who feared they would pay more taxes under Labour.

The survey divides the voters into "lost Tories" who are pro-Tony Blair and the "waverers" who are on the Eurosceptic wing of the party and inclined to vote for the Referendum Party.

However, even loyal Tories on the panel are not convinced Mr Major can win enough support from these groupings to be returned to power; 47 per cent believe that Labour will win the election.

Taxation, trade unions, law and order, and Labour's left wing remained the biggest fears that Conservative voters had of a Blair government.

The survey showed that 15 per cent of the panel found Mr Blair "insincere" and not "trustworthy".

Labour only outscored the Tories over the health service but Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, will take the fight to Labour with the publication in the autumn of a White Paper. It will make clear that the radical reforms of the past decade are over.

Mr Dorrell's plans include improving supervision for the mentally ill by creating more units with 24-hour nursing cover and an increase in the number of local cottage hospitals.

William Rees Mogg and Peter Riddell, page 16

Cabinet divided on handgun ban

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A CABINET split has opened over the private ownership of handguns, regardless of the result of the Dunblane massacre inquiry. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, is urging a total ban, but Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is pressing for the Government to accept the recommendations of Lord Cullen even if they fall short of a prohibition on possession of guns above .22 calibre.

The Prime Minister, who visited Dunblane with Michael Forsyth, the local MP, is widely thought to back an outright ban. One party official said: "I have heard him say: "I don't understand why people need to have guns at home."

Labour is poised to exploit the issue by forcing a Commons vote after the summer recess, to try to flush out the pro-gun lobby on the Conservative backbenches. Mr Howard has made clear he would override Tory MPs' objections and bring forward the necessary legislation to ban handguns, if Lord Cullen's report concludes that is the best solution. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, announced at the weekend that Labour would bring in legislation after the general election to ban handguns irrespective of the result of the inquiry.

Mr Major is furious that the issue has become the centre of party politicking with the Labour Party. A Tory official said: "We play by different sets of rules. We wait for the result of the Dunblane inquiry. Labour is making political capital before the report is even completed."

Both Mr Major and Mr Howard have distanced themselves from the six Tory MPs on the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee who argued last week that a ban would be impractical. Reports that they were being used by ministers to test the reaction were dismissed last night. "It was a cock-up not a conspiracy," said a party source.

MARK KEHOE

Professor Bennett: decided which foetus to destroy

Aborted twin

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tion rather than giving birth to both babies. "Killing one healthy twin sounds unethical. But my colleagues and I concluded this week that it would be better to terminate one pregnancy as soon as possible and leave one alive than to lose two babies."

Vivienne Nathanson, head of ethics at the BMA, said: "The legislation is there to say that babies born when the women don't want them are often psychologically harmed. I don't think there's really any difference between performing an abortion to leave no foetus and reducing a twin to a singleton."

Dr Nathanson pointed out that nature often destroys one twin. "A lot of babies born as singletons started off as a twin pregnancy. They don't seem to come to any harm."

Ian Craft, director of the London Gynaecology and Fertility Centre in Harley Street, one of the first British doctors to perform selective terminations for medical reasons, said: "It is not an easy job to do from a doctor's perspective because you have to make a decision which foetus will survive.

"When you have to reduce one of two or two of four, you have heartache over doing it." He aborted a twin from a 45-year-old woman who had suffered seven miscarriages, the latest of them at 25 weeks.

She was unable to carry twins because of cervical problems. On New Year's Day eight years ago, her other twin was born healthy.

One German doctor had to perform selective abortions after a woman on fertility drugs became pregnant with 12 babies.

It is a difficult operation which only a handful of British experts can perform. There is a risk of the whole pregnancy aborting if things go wrong.

Professor Bennett, who is childless, was given a newly created professor's chair at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in January to keep him in Britain after attempts to poach him by the United States and Canada.

A Christian who regularly attended church as a child, he has performed 3,000 abortions in 10 years, and delivered almost as many live babies.

Jack Scarisbrick, chairman of Life, the anti-abortion campaigners, said: "Commonly a sibling intuits that a brother or sister is missing. What does that do to his or her respect for parents?"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman killed in pothole accident

A potholer was among four people killed at the weekend while taking part in various activities. Christine Bleakley, 24, for Irvinestown, Co Fermanagh, slipped off a rope ladder while descending Quaking Pot in the Yorkshire Dales. In Snowdonia, a 33-year-old climbing instructor from Suffolk died when he fell from a crag while climbing with a companion on 2,527ft Moelwyn Mawr.

The pilot of a micro-light aircraft died when it crashed into high-voltage electricity cables and burst into flames at Wyke Champflower, Somerset, and a cyclist taking part in a time trial road race was killed in a crash with a coach at Boreham, Essex. The men have not been named.

Essex pimpernel

A 14-year-old girl who sparked an international police search after she ran away from her Essex home to see her boyfriend in France was sent back to Britain yesterday. Clair Syddall had stowed away on a Channel ferry when the young French boy she had met on holiday in Brittany failed to reply to her letter.

Fans wreck ferry

Two people were arrested at Portsmouth after drunken football fans rioted on a Channel ferry after being thrown out of France. About 100 Portsmouth fans were returning on the P&O ferry after a friendly match against Athletico Le Havre on Saturday. The match had been abandoned after fans invaded the pitch.

Safety campaign

National Condom Week starts today — with celebrities helping to spread the word about safe sex. The campaign follows a report that nearly one in five 16 and 17-year-olds had unprotected sex last year. Supporters of the campaign include Blur, Kim Wilde, Sting, Linford Christie, Chris Tarrant and Dr Hilary Jones.

Prison warning

Prison governors warned the Government yesterday of possible outbreaks of disorder because of overcrowding. Chris Scott, chairman of the Prison Governors' Association has called on Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, for a cut in the prison population in England and Wales — now a record 56,000, up 5,000 from last year.

Bristow charged

Eric Bristow, the darts player, has been charged with assaulting a television lighting technician after an incident at a Blackpool hotel, police said yesterday. Bristow, in the resort for the World Matchplay Championship, will face Blackpool magistrates on September 13 accused of assault and a minor public order offence.

Sand, sea and ...

Blackpool is Britain's sexiest seaside resort, while Rhyl and Weston-super-Mare are the least raunchy, according to a survey published yesterday. Torquay was second, and Bournemouth third. The findings come from a survey commissioned by condom company Durex of 1,350 adults asked to name the hottest resort for sex.

BSE link to milk dismissed

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Agriculture Ministry yesterday dismissed claims that mad-cow disease (BSE) could be carried in milk and denied that ministry scientists were conducting new tests.

The claims, published in a newspaper report yesterday, were untrue, a ministry spokesman said. "We are happy that milk is safe, the Spongiform Encepalopathy Advisory Committee (Seac) is happy, and the Chief Medical Officer is happy," he said. The ministry bases its confidence on research carried out by scientists from the Institutes for Animal Health in Edinburgh and Newbury, Berkshire, and the Central Veterinary Laboratory in Weybridge, Surrey. The results were published in the *Veterinary Record* in June 1995.

The team fed milk from cows with BSE to mice for 40 days, then observed the mice for a further two years. They also injected milk from a BSE-infected cow into the brains and skin of mice, a route which is far more likely to cause infection. These mice, too, were observed for periods of up to two years.

No signs of the disease appeared in any of the mice, the team reported. The amount of milk the mice were given to drink was equivalent to a human being drinking a pint of milk a day from an infected cow for almost seven years. Dr Haresh Narang, a scientist who has been a persistent critic of the ministry over BSE, described these tests as "worthless". He says that milk should have been fed not to mice, which cannot drink a great deal of it, but to mink, which can consume as much as the average baby.

However, the fact that infection was not passed on through injected material suggests that milk is safe. The injection route is estimated to be 20,000 times more efficient than the oral route in causing infection. The same strain of mice injected with other organs from infected cows, such as brain and spinal cord, have developed the disease.

Lilley hotline against cheats

BY ANDREW PIERCE

PLANS for a national telephone hotline for confidential information on suspected benefit cheats are to be announced today by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, as he announces that savings from detected benefit fraud virtually doubled to almost £1.4 billion in the last financial year.

The scale of the attempted fraud was up from £717 million last year. Only three weeks ago, the Government closed down a hotline handling inquiries about benefit entitlements.

Mr Lilley hopes to save tens of millions pounds more from the establishment of the new hotline for tip-offs. He will unveil the first of thousands of posters which proclaim: "Know a benefit rip-off. Give us a telephone tip-off." The point will be driven home in a series of newspaper advertisements.

Henry McLeish, Labour social security spokesman, said yesterday that the new hotline could lead to a spate of malicious calls. "I suspect in terms of civil liberties there may be a problem." Liberty, the civil rights organisation, made clear that the initiative did not appear to infringe anyone's personal freedoms.

Statistics due to be released tomorrow by the Unemployment Unit, an independent research group, show that a record number of unemployed people have had their benefits cut in the past two years.

About 238,000 claimants had benefit reduced or removed for not meeting jobseeking conditions to be available for work, and 79,000 lost money for not attending or completing "remotivation" courses. They are compulsory for the long-term unemployed who refuse to take up the offer of a place on a mainstream government scheme.

Oliver Heald, a Social Security Minister, said: "This hotline will be self-financing and it gives people the opportunity to be the eyes and ears for us."

He added that Pilot schemes in 21 areas since April had brought "an overwhelming response".

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Mystery over ransom demand

Fears for missing Briton as Chechen rebels deny kidnap

By Richard Beeston in Moscow and Michael Horsnell

FEARS were growing last night for the safety of a British relief worker kidnapped in Chechenia after the French aid organisation for which he works said that it would be unable to pay a ransom.

Michael Penrose, 23, from Swerford, Oxfordshire, and his colleague, Frederic Malardeau, 35, were seized on July 27 while driving to their office in Grozny, the capital of the rebel republic which is at war with Russia. The Foreign Office in London said that it was working closely with the Russian authorities, which have set up a task force to find the two men, as well as the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which has a mission in Grozny.

José Bitgin, the head of Mr Penrose's agency, International Action Against Hunger, said that he had not received any ransom demands and could not confirm the Russian report that the unidentified gunmen were demanding £300,000 for the release of his staff. He said: "For the time being no one has contacted us, we have received no ransom demand. In any case, sums like that ... We work in the humanitarian field, to feed people who die of hunger, and not to pay racketeers."

Interfax, the Russian news agency, reported that a telephone caller, identifying himself as Bolat Adayev, claimed responsibility for the abduction and demanded $500,000 (£300,000). Uncertainty over the men's fate was compounded by a denial by the Chechen rebels that they are involved.

The parents of the kidnapped Briton, David and Yvonne Penrose, who also have a student daughter, declined to comment. At the door of his house Mr Penrose, who is acting on the advice of the Foreign Office, said: "We don't want the press involved in this. The Foreign Office is dealing with everything for us. We just want to be left alone."

David Lang, 44, a neighbour, said: "The whole community will be shocked by this. David and Yvonne are very much part of the village. Michael is a very nice and dedicated lad. He is very down-to-earth and pleasant.

"He was here for a weekend just a couple of weeks ago just before he left. Our thoughts are with the family and I am sure they know everyone will do anything they can to help."

Mr Bitgin said that International Action Against Hunger had been working in Chechenia since November, providing food to civilians "without discrimination". It has set up soup kitchens in Grozny and other villages and towns in the area.

Its staff there consists of four foreigners, including the two kidnapped men, and 50 locals. The non-political and non-religious agency was founded in 1979 and has 270 volunteers in 27 countries.

No independent confirmation was available of the Interfax report that a ransom demand had come in a call from the southern Russian town of Krasnodar. The Foreign Office said that it could not comment.

Locating the gunmen responsible and winning the release of the two kidnap victims is likely to be complicated by the deteriorating security situation in Chechenia, where Russian forces have kept up a recent offensive against rebel villages. The two men were bundled into a car by six gunmen, but their abduction was not reported until Saturday.

Earlier this year gunmen seized two members of the Médecins sans Frontières organisation in Chechenia, but released them unharmed after two weeks.

A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We are in close contact with the authorities there. We're working hard for Mr Penrose's release and doing everything we can to help."

Igor Pogosov, press secretary of the Russian-backed Chechen Interior Ministry, said: "We received a phone call from someone who said he saw armed men bundle the two foreigners into a car in Grozny. Nobody has claimed responsibility."

Talks delayed after Russian air raid

Moscow: Russian warplanes bombed villages in southern Chechenia yesterday, killing or wounding dozens of people, a Chechen guerrilla spokesman said.

As a result of the attack, the Chechen rebel command refused to meet a Russian delegation that had travelled to Chechenia, according to Moscow Echo radio. "Under current conditions, the leadership cannot meet with the Russian side without running the risk of taking on some of the responsibility for the bloody criminal acts committed by the occupation army," the spokesman, Movladi Udugov, added.

The Interfax news agency quoted him as saying that the raids had centred on the villages of Borzoi and Guchin-Kale, in the rebel stronghold region of Shatoi, 25 miles south of Grozny.

He gave no precise casualty toll and there was no immediate independent confirmation of the reported bombing. The Chechen side "sees no alternative to a peaceful political solution in the republic", Interfax quoted Mr Udugov as saying.

A Russian delegation led by the Nationalites Minister, Vyacheslav Mikhailov, arrived in Chechenia on Saturday and said that it was willing to meet Chechen guerrilla leaders. Fighting in the southern region, where Russian troops have been deployed since December 1994, has intensified since President Yeltsin was re-elected last month. *(AFP/Reuter)*

An art nouveau nude, "dope box" and lyric sheet with other Hendrix mementoes

Foxy lady puts Hendrix mementoes up for sale

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

A SHEET of lyrics by Jimi Hendrix, one of the few that the rock guitarist did not lose or throw away, is expected to fetch £10,000 in a sale that also includes the "dope box" in which he stashed some of his favourite song-inducing substances.

The black lacquer box with inlaid mother-of-pearl is being sold by Kathy Etchingham, Hendrix's girlfriend from 1966 to 1969. It is estimated to fetch £5,000 at Bonhams in Chelsea on August 22.

Ms Etchingham, who is said to have inspired Hendrix to write the songs *Foxy Lady* and *The Wind Cries Mary*, is selling 24 pieces, which she describes as some of Hendrix's favourite possessions. They were in the flat they shared at 23 Brook Street. He died in 1970, shortly after they broke up.

Bonhams describes the items as "evocative reminders of the psychedelic Sixties, an insight into Hendrix's lifestyle and taste": an oriental prayer-rug, strings of colourful beads, velvet cushions. "I'm glad rug can't talk," Ms Etchingham said. "It's seen quite a lot."

Hendrix with girlfriend Kathy Etchingham

The lacquer box is expected to appeal to a large number of collectors. "We called it the dope box," Ms Etchingham said, adding that it would be opened several times a night at least. The Sixties, she recalled, were "wonderful". However, she added: "I wouldn't want to relive it. As you get older, you look back and think, 'How the hell did I do that?' It was always daylight before we went to bed."

Their relationship broke up, she said, as she could not endure the sycophants and hangers-on. She soon met someone else, who was to become her first husband: "It didn't last long as it was based on passion. Jimi and I, we were more friends as well."

She is unsentimental about any of the objects, apart from an Austrian art nouveau figurine of a nude girl, estimated at £6,000. Hendrix had haggled for it with the owner of a café in Chelsea: "He didn't want to sell it," she said. "Jimi offered a lot of money for it. He really loved it. But one night, he bumped against the cabinet it was on. It fell off and broke. Jimi stuck it back together."

According to Bonhams' catalogue entry, "it was one of his favourite pieces, inspiring his lyrics and sexual energy".

Ms Etchingham has authenticated the lyrics — an early draft scribbled on Hyde Park Towers Hotel notepaper — of *Ain't No Telling*, which was recorded on *Electric Ladyland*.

ANDRÉ CAMARA

Gifts from the crowd take pride of place as the Queen Mother is driven away in her golf buggy yesterday

Love by cartload for Queen Mother

By Alan Hamilton

JUST four years away from a congratulatory telegram from her daughter, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrated her 96th birthday at Sandringham yesterday with the customary crowd-pleasing performance.

More than a thousand assembled in the heat of an Norfolk morning as she arrived in an open horse-drawn carriage for morning service at St Mary Magdalene church, Sandringham, accompanied by the Queen.

The Queen Mother was helped from her carriage and walked cautiously with her stick. Her left leg was still bandaged below the knee to hide a troublesome ulcer, but she showed no sign of discomfort from last November's hip operation. After the service, relayed outside by loud speaker, she made a 32-minute walkabout as the crowd sang *Happy Birthday* and *For She's a Jolly Good Fellow*, and thrust forward cards, flowers and champagne.

Afterwards she retired to her distinctive, chauffeur-driven golf buggy, to be driven around so that all could see her. Then sheleft for a birthday lunch, where she was joined by the Prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry.

The celebration was not held at her London home, Clarence House, because the royal family does not spend weekends in the capital.

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Only days remain to find compromise on Londonderry march as bitterness lingers from Drumcree

Sectarian boycotts hit businesses across Ulster

By Nicholas Watt
CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SHOPS and small businesses across Northern Ireland are suffering a severe loss of trade as sectarian boycotts spread throughout the Province amid bitter recriminations over last month's Drumcree stand-off. Protestant and Roman Catholic shopkeepers are being ostracised by customers they have served for years.

Yesterday a senior Roman Catholic bishop compared the fallout from Drumcree with Ulster's dark days of the late 1960s. Dr Seamus Hegarty, the Bishop of Derry, told BBC Radio 4: "There has been a re-emergence of sectarianism, a polarisation of views to a degree and to an extent not experienced since the civil rights marches at the end of the 1960s."

In Castlederg, Co Tyrone, Protestant shopkeepers have been sent a circular letter telling them that nationalists were organising a boycott of their businesses. The letters, which have led to a drop in trade of up to 50 per cent, alleged that the shopkeepers had condoned "anti-Catholic, sectarian sentiment" by joining a loyalist blockade of the town during the Drumcree stand-off.

The letters, which were signed "Yours disappointed", said: "I'm sure I have no need to inform you that I will no longer be giving you my custom and you can be assured that I will strongly advocate that my fellow Catholics in the community also boycott your shop."

Most Protestants in Castlederg refuse to speak about the boycott for fear of increasing the tension, but one shopkeeper said: "The letter is so sinister because it is all innuendo."

He was contemptuous of the claim that he had joined the loyalist blockade of Castlederg. He said: "Please credit us with a bit of intelligence. The blockade disrupted business."

There is also a boycott in Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh, while in Dromore, Co Tyrone, a group calling itself the Protestant Action Committee has threatened action against nationalists if attacks against Protestant property continue. The RUC condemned the statement, but said it had no knowledge of the Protestant group.

One of the bluntest messages came in a letter published in Omagh's *Ulster Herald*, which called for a wholesale boycott of Protestant businesses. The letter said: "Since the Orangemen are obviously against us we must stop giving them our money ... Buy only from Catholic businesses and invest in your own people who truly want civil rights." The letter was signed "General Boycott".

Captain Charles Boycott, the agent for Lord Erne's estate, suffered the original boycott in Co Mayo in 1880. Thousands of Ulstermen travelled to Mayo to save his crops after he gave a graphic acount of his plight in a letter to *The Times* in October 1880.

Unionists have condemned the present boycott of Protestant businesses and accused Sinn Fein of orchestrating the letter-writing campaign, a charge which republicans deny. Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, said that a lot of decent people from both communities would "go to the wall" if the boycotts continued.

Joe Byrne, an SDLP councillor in Omagh, Co Tyrone, condemned the boycott. But he said that nationalists felt aggrieved after Drumcree.

A meeting is to be held tomorrow to seek a compromise over the Apprentice Boys' controversial march in Londonderry next Saturday. Nationalists from the Bogside area, who oppose the parade route along the city's walls, have set Wednesday as a deadline for agreement.

The march through Londonderry by 10,000 Apprentice Boys and 180 bands would follow several earlier parades through sensitive areas. The Bogside Residents group wants all these parades included in any agreement. The sides have met twice and tomorrow will give their reactions to proposals exchanged last week.

The Bogside residents want the parade restricted to the commercial heart of the city and unionist areas, with just 13 Apprentice Boys — the number that closed the gates in 1688 — being allowed to parade the full length of the walls. The Apprentice Boys want to parade at least 250 members along the walls with the proviso that their bands stop playing as they pass the Bogside.

Complaints up by 50% in year of rail privatisation

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

COMPLAINTS about late, cancelled and overcrowded trains have soared by up to 50 per cent since the start of rail privatisation. Figures to be published next week point to an alarming deterioration in services as passenger franchises were prepared for sale at a cost of £450 million.

Complaints about late and cancelled trains each rose by a third to a total of more than 3,000, while punctuality levels fell on more than half of all rail lines, according to the figures from local passenger watchdog groups. Franchises thought to have been criticised last year include West Anglia Great Northern, InterCity Cross Country, InterCity West Coast and the newly privatised South West Trains, which was affected by bad weather.

Overcrowded trains sparked the sharpest single increase in complaints, a rise of 50 per cent to more than 400, the first upturn in this category since the late 1980s. No new trains have been ordered in Britain since 1993, and some operators have been forced to lease old rolling stock from private rail-tour operators to cope with the problem.

The overall number of complaints received by local passenger groups rose to a record of about 11,000 last year, with the bulk of the increase related to punctuality and reliability. The figures include only the more serious complaints to the rail user committees, rather than complaints to BR or operators.

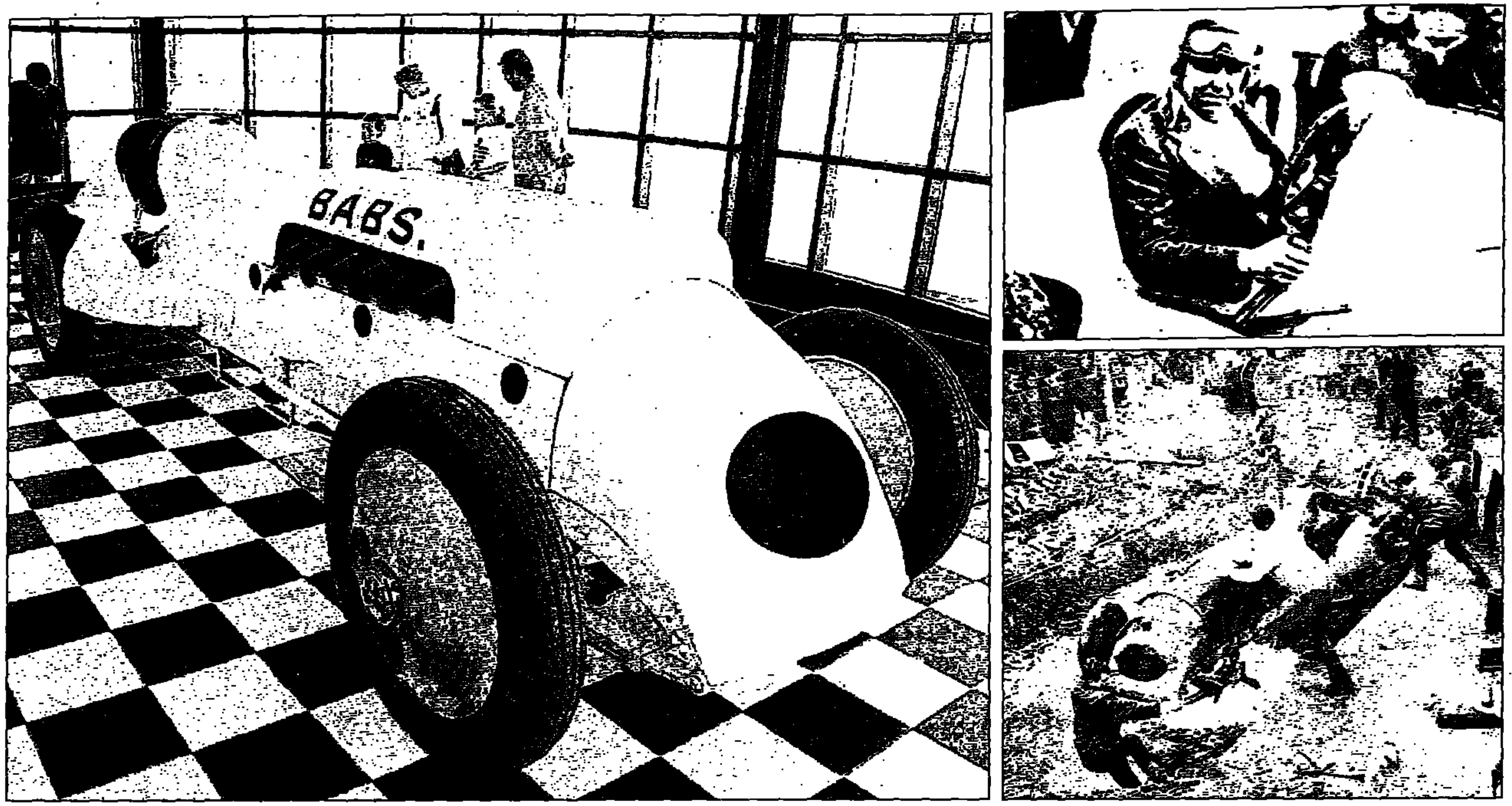
They apply to the year to April, which was marked by the first handover of passenger franchises to private owners six months ago. The rise in complaints means that any improvements as a result of privatisation are unlikely to emerge in time to help the Government at the election.

The annual report from Central Rail Users Consultative Committee, the main passenger watchdog, paints a grim picture of the upheaval caused by restructuring. A committee source said that there was "practically no good news" on co-operation between train companies, with operators refusing to hold connecting trains for rival firms now that they are fined for running late.

However, there is support for many of the changes brought about by privatisation, which is three quarters complete. The report welcomes guaranteed "passenger service requirements" and a tough regime of financial incentives and penalties for operators. The report also praises the caps on some fares.

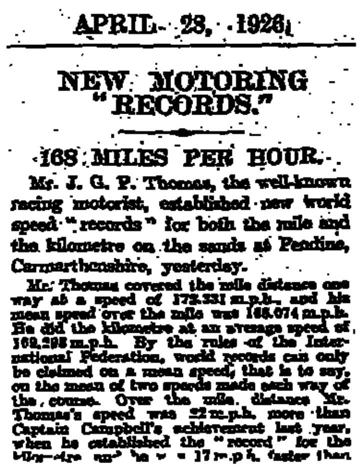
Labour will launch a dossier today, alleging "waste, lies and sleaze" to mark the first six months of privatised rail services.

☐ A signalman spotted a fault on a high-speed line on the day of the Railtrack flotation, an internal Railtrack memorandum has revealed. A faulty signal stayed at green instead of turning red on the main London-Glasgow line north of Carstairs. The signalman was able to intervene to avert a collision.



The restored record breaker in the museum overlooking Pendine Sands, from where she was recovered after the death of her builder and driver, J.G. Parry Thomas

Record-breaker returns to scene of triumph and disaster



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NEW MOTORING "RECORDS."

168 MILES PER HOUR.

Mr. J. G. P. Thomas, the well-known racing motorist, established new world speed "records" for both the mile and the kilometre on the sands at Pendine, Carmarthenshire, yesterday.

Mr. Thomas covered the mile distance one way at a speed of 172.331 m.p.h., and his mean speed over the mile was 168.074 m.p.h. He did the kilometre at an average speed of 169.298 m.p.h. By the rules of the International Federation, world records can only be claimed on a mean speed, that is to say, on the mean of two speeds made each way of the course. Over the mile distance Mr. Thomas's speed was 22 m.p.h. more than Captain Campbell's achievement last year, when he established the "record" for the [illegible] 17 m.p.h. faster than

The Times reports the record

SIXTY-NINE years after she was entombed in the sands of west Wales, one of the world's great record-breaking cars has returned to the spot where she made history and then perished.

The 27-litre monster *Babs* caused a sensation in 1926 when, driven along Pendine Sands in Dyfed with J.G. Parry Thomas at the wheel, she set a land speed record of 171.02mph. Parry Thomas died the following year, crashing the car while attempting to recapture the record from Malcolm Campbell, who had reached 174.8mph. *Babs*, 20ft long, fed by aviation fuel and pushing out 400 horsepower from a V12 Liberty aeroplane engine, was driven to the limit. She skidded and overturned just before the end of the measured mile, the chain driving the wheels decapitating Parry Thomas, who had built the car.

His friends and colleagues were so distressed that they buried *Babs* on the spot which, in the 1920s, was regarded as the country's best record-breaking location because of the vast expanse of flat, hard sand. She was dug up in 1969 by Owen Wyn Owen, an engineer and car enthusiast from North Wales, who dedicated the next 16 years to her restoration. Mr Owen and his team had to shift more than 2,000 cubic feet of sand and a 9in concrete slab.

The aluminium-bodied *Babs* is now the main exhibit at the Museum of Speed, which was built specially to house her overlooking the beach at Pendine.

Chris Delaney, Carmarthenshire Council's museums officer, said: "It is amazing how many people are fascinated by *Babs* and the land-speed record. History was made at Pendine Sands many times and it is fitting that *Babs* has been returned here. She's still in working condition and, apparently, she can still do 100mph or so.

"She was buried back in 1927 because people were just so shocked by what had happened. These days there would probably be a police inquiry and the car would be taken for examination."

☐ A 31-year-old Fiat made motoring history at the weekend by fetching the lowest price ever at an auction by the car specialists Brooks. The 1965 600D two-door saloon, described as "a challenging restoration project", went for £92 at the sale at Ascot, Berkshire. It contrasted with a 1937 Mercedes-Benz 540K supercharged Cabriolet B once owned by the Rockefeller family, which sold to an Italian collector for £155,500.

☐ A garage owner who spent much of his working life repairing Foden wagons was given a fitting send-off in the West Midlands. Sam Satterthwaite's coffin was taken to All Saints Church at Streetly on the back of a 1920s Foden steam lorry. Mr Satterthwaite, who worked up to his death at the age of 87, was an honorary president of the Foden Preservation Society.

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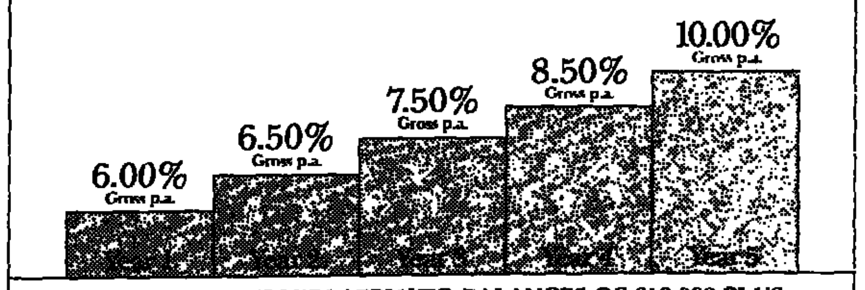

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Health staff 'squandered millions on computers'

By Dominic Kennedy

THE National Audit Office is investigating a report that a small group of health service bureaucrats wasted £500 million on virtually worthless computer systems.

Labour called on Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, yesterday to tackle the Information Management Group of the NHS Executive, whose task was to improve patient care and increase information by introducing new technology. Instead, hospital staff still have to perform many administrative tasks using laborious techniques, such as telephoning up to 40 wards at night in search of a spare bed.

Chris Smith, the Shadow Health Secretary, said that the Secretary of State should "take the whole information technology systems within the National Health Service by the scruff of the neck and sort them out because they aren't working well at the moment".

The auditors are studying documents obtained during an investigation by BBC Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*. The National Audit Office and the Commons Public Accounts Committee have already condemned the management group for its handling of the Hospital Information Support Systems initiative, which cost £106 million and saved only £3 million. The price of monitoring the scheme exceeded savings to the taxpayer.

Philip Hunt, director of the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, said chief executives were frustrated by the problems and had urged the NHS Executive to sort them out.

Marshland idyll with cruel legacy of genetic disease

MEDICAL BRIEFING

FOR many holidaymakers now sailing their boats on the Broads, life may seem idyllic. But nature has not been so kind to some of the long-established families in this part of east Norfolk. The area has a particularly high incidence of Huntington's disease; formerly known as Huntington's chorea, it is one of the cruelest of the hereditary neurological diseases.

This year the Huntington's Disease Association is 25 years old. It was set up after a report in a Sunday newspaper about a girl who discovered after marriage, and subsequent pregnancy, that her mother and grandfather were victims of the disease. The pregnant mother, and possibly her unborn child, therefore had a 50-50 chance of suffering from it as well. The association now collects nearly £500,000 a year for research and education into the disease as well as contributing to the welfare of sufferers.

When in practice in Norfolk I had an almost daily reminder of Huntington's disease. An elderly sufferer used to spend much of his time walking, very unsteadily and with the aid of a stick, along the village street. Whenever he spotted my car, he stopped, gripped the stick like a Zulu spear, raised it above his head and let out an unintelligible greeting. His daughter — it affects both sexes equally — was also a sufferer. The disease has an *autosomal dominant* pattern of inheritance, which means that every child born to a parent with the disease has an even chance of developing it.

The symptoms usually start in the late thirties. The disease affects both the part of the brain that helps to control muscular co-ordination and the higher centres. As a result the patient has an unsteady gait, clumsy movement and suffers involuntary muscular movements and facial grimaces. The dementia is progressive and is usually proceeded by personality changes. Later the increasing dementia results in total apathy and loss of memory. The progress of the disease is slow. Patients can live up to 30 years before they totally lose physical and mental powers. Treatment is now aimed at alleviating the symptoms.

Accurate diagnosis is possible. The defective gene is carried on chromosome four. As Huntington's is usually only manifest after normal child-bearing age, this new-found ability to detect whether someone is carrying the defective gene, and therefore able to spread it to the next generation, has raised distressing ethical questions for the people involved.

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TV gardening presenter dies on charity bicycle ride

By Adam Fresco

Geoff Hamilton loved gardening from childhood, when he played in nurseries

GEOFF HAMILTON, the presenter of *Gardeners' World*, died yesterday after falling from his bicycle during a charity event.

Mr Hamilton, 59, who had presented the show on BBC2 since 1979, collapsed while riding near Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan. A nurse tried to resuscitate him and he was taken to hospital, but to no avail, the BBC said. Mr Hamilton had suffered a heart attack a year ago.

He had joined the ride — part of the Trailblazers ride to raise money for more cycle routes across the country — in Brecon at 9.30am to cycle to Merthyr Tydfil. By noon he had ridden about 12 miles. Suddenly, 400 yards from one of the many refreshment points along the route, he collapsed.

His wife, Linda, had been waiting for her husband at Cyferthfa Castle in Merthyr Tydfil where a reception was due to be held for cyclists and officials. At news of hert husband's collapse she, too, was taken to the hospital.

In a recent interview Mr Hamilton said that he would like an epitaph "that says *Cercidiphyllum japonica*, which is the name of the tree I want planted over me. It is a lovely honey colour and it will last about 60 years and then die. And that's all right."

Will Wyatt, chief executive of BBC Broadcasting, said: "Geoff was a great friend to gardeners everywhere. He will be much missed by millions of BBC viewers with whom he shared his delight and knowledge of gardening. Our sympathies will be with his wife and family."

Alan Toogood, *The Times*'s horticulture correspondent, said: "He always liked to be known as a down-to-earth practical gardener who was always willing to offer advice. He will be missed by millions. He has become a household name."

Rod Natkiel, the head of television at BBC Pebble Mill, where *Gardeners' World* was made, added: "For many years Geoff Hamilton has been one of Britain's most popular and respected gardening broadcasters and journalists.

"He deserved to be, because he was not only immensely knowledgeable and utterly professional but he was also a pleasure to work with. We have lost a great friend and we shall miss him very much."

The cycle ride in which Mr Hamilton had agreed to take part began on July 22 and included more than 500 riders. It was organised by the civil engineering charity SUSTRANS to raise funds for more than 2,500 miles of cycle routes by the Millennium and a further 4,000 by the year 2005. The spokeswoman said Mr Hamilton was riding with representatives from the charity when he collapsed.

Mr Hamilton lived with second wife Lynda in a Victorian farmhouse in Barnsdale, Rutland, with 5½ acres of gardens, where the family also runs a garden centre and nursery. He had three sons by his first marriage.

He was born in Stepney, east London, but his family moved when he was two years old to the Lea Valley in Hertfordshire where he spent his childhood playing, and then working, in nurseries.

After leaving grammar school, and completing two years' National Service, he was trained at Writtle College of Agriculture in Essex. While he was working as a self-employed nurseryman and landscape gardener, he met the Editor of *Garden News* in 1970 when he was buying a plot of land.

The chance encounter led to a freelance contract to write a regular column for what was to become the top-selling weekly gardening magazine, and he subsequently became a full-time member of staff in 1975. In 1976, Mr Hamilton was appointed the Editor of *Practical Gardening*, the leading monthly magazine on the subject. In 1979, he began presenting *Gardeners' World* from his garden in Barnsdale. Three years later, the programme moved to its present site a mile away.

At first the "garden" consisted of a small walled "crew yard" containing pigs, and a grass paddock. There are now five acres under cultivation in the form of a series of small gardens, linked by grass paths and borders. The site was maintained by Mr Hamilton and a staff of three full-time gardeners. As well as presenting *Gardeners' World*, he made several series, including the recent highly successful *Geoff Hamilton's Cottage Gardens*.

Cycling was also one of his interests — "wherever possible, to avoid using a car", plus music and sport, "but mostly gardening". He disliked politicians, frozen food and chemicals.

Away from his garden, he enjoyed singing with his local choral society.

American hackers run up £1m bill on Yard's phones

By Stewart Tendler and Nick Nuttall

AMERICAN computer hackers who breached a special Scotland Yard telephone system used it to make £1 million of international calls. Embarrassed officials only noticed when the bills began to mount up and had to call in engineers to plug the loophole.

The Yard had to pay the bill and has now begun a civil action against a telephone contractor for alleged faults in the installation of the system. Fraud investigators from AT&T, which handles long distance calls in America, spent months trying to track down the hackers but eventually gave up.

The hackers made use of a telephone system known as Disa, Dial Inward System Access, also known as PBX call forwarding. It allows employees to make business calls from home by ringing a special exchange on their employer's main switchboard. They then dial a pass code and make the business call.

The call may be to anywhere in the world but appears as a local call on the home bill. The company, which may have a special discount arrangement, pays the remainder.

Hacking into such systems has become widespread. Experts say they are open to misuse because it is technically difficult to change the pass codes regularly. Police believe the Yard system was cracked by a hacker using a specially devised computer programme and a modem. The programme ran through a range of thousands of possible numbers and pass codes until the right ones connected. The numbers were then passed on through computer and Internet bulletin boards.

The Yard first spotted what was happening when a bill for a line on the internal exchange showed a dramatic increase. Officers from the computer crime unit at first suspected that the fraud was being run from inside. Once they began to check back through the calls, they realised they were at the mercy of hackers in America.

When the AT&T investigators began checking the numbers, they discovered the hackers had used many different public phones to call the Yard, so tracing them proved impossible.

Detective Chief Superintendent Jim Boocock, head of the Fraud Squad, said: "There was a problem which we discovered and we took immediate steps to end it." In a statement, the Yard said the telephone equipment was supplied by a reputable and well-known manufacturer and that civil proceedings had begun.

Police given body armour to defeat gun and knife attacks

By Stewart Tendler

MADE-TO-MEASURE body armour will be offered today to all 28,000 officers in the Metropolitan Police.

Beat police in some parts of Britain already wear body armour on duty but it is bulky and worn over their uniform. The new "Metvest" is made from plates of Kevlar and is designed to be worn under a shirt. It protects an officer's entire chest and back against ammunition, including the .357 round fired by a big Smith and Wesson revolver or a 9mm bullet from an automatic handgun. It will also protect against knife thrusts.

Yard scientists believe the armour will resist the firearms commonly used by criminals in Britain. They examined 3,000 different knives used in London during 18 months to make sure it could withstand stab attacks.

The armour has been tested by 440 officers at Tottenham and Walworth, two inner London stations, but so far no officer has put the Metvest to the test in a violent incident. The Yard's armour will cost £300 a set and weigh four to eight kilos depending on the size of the officer. The cost is expected to run to £8 million and the first suits will be issued this autumn to male and female officers although further work on developing a comfortable design for all female officers is to continue.

In the past five years seven officers have died on London's streets, including PC Philip Walters, who was shot last year in east London, Sergeant Derek Robertson, stabbed struggling with a robber in 1994, and PC Patrick Dunne, the beat officer shot investigating the murder of a drug dealer in 1993.

The armour is being launched as a questionnaire is sent out to officers across Britain on whether other parts of their equipment should be updated, including the traditional helmet. Twelve thousand officers will take part in the Police Federation survey.

Oasis of joy for the bank accounts of Loch Lomond

By Shirley English

More than 80,000 fans packed into the concerts

THE bank accounts of Loch Lomond were expected to be a little bonnier today as locals deposit their windfall caused by two sell-out, outdoor concerts which brought more than 80,000 Oasis fans to a tiny lochside town.

The two-day pop extravaganza had divided the people of sedate Balloch — population 5,000 — when it was first suggested in May, with some objecting that their community would not cope with such huge numbers. Yesterday there were few dissenting voices after many of the enterprising populace happily to cashed in on the enormous influx of trade.

Farmers let their fields as car parks at £5 a time, and for camping at £10 a tent. Some locals even let space in their driveways. The mood was perhaps best summed up by a sign in the Balloch Hotel, which read: "If you're thirsty, there is more than one Oasis in Balloch". The hotel sold 7,200 bottles of lager and 1,260 gallons of beer in two days.

Corries, a normally sedate tea house and cafe, was transformed into a fast-food joint for the weekend, selling burgers and hot dogs. The owner, Margot Mason, said: "Usually we do cream teas and a traditional Scottish menu, but we've adapted to demands."

The parish priest, Sean Fitzgerald, gave two extra masses for fans on Sunday, attracting around 50 young people each time. For his sermon he used the story of Christ feeding the five thousand. He said: "That's what Balloch has to do. We must welcome these people. Some older ladies are terrified, but they're doing their bit by helping to feed the St John Ambulance crews".

One resident, Stephen King, wearing his kilt and an Oasis T-shirt, set up a barbeque and beefburger stall on his front lawn on Balloch Road, staffed by his two young daughters. He reported a steady and very good-natured trade. "The fans' behaviour has been fantastic," he said. "Too many people were pessimistic about this, but I think it's great. The town has done really well. We should be proud of ourselves".

Robert Ritchie, 75, was not so impressed as he watched his home town sink beneath a high tide of litter and drunken bodies. But he admitted: "Everyone is making a bomb here if they can".

A huge operation involving police, emergency medical teams, security staff and cleaners, was put in place. The town's one public convenience was supplemented by rows of portable WCs. Workmen picked up 140 tons of litter on the first day, when police reported only 20 arrests, for minor offences.

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Rivalry is just kin deep as racing Princess pips Duke

By Kathryn Knight

KEEN royal rivalry was evident at the Cowes Week yachting regatta yesterday as the Duke of Edinburgh and the Princess Royal competed in a gruelling four-hour race in the Solent.

In perfect sailing conditions, the Princess Royal, racing the 38ft *Arbitrator*, beat her father into fourth place by 45 seconds, crossing the finish line second in the 19-boat race. Her husband, Captain Timothy Lawrence, joined her racing team.

One spectator reported that the Princess Royal spent much of the race with her legs dangling over the side of the boat while her husband was hard at work. The two royal boats had been neck-and-neck for most of the 24-mile course before the *Arbitrator* edged ahead, shortly before the finish line.

The Duke congratulated his daughter after he stepped from his boat, *The Yeoman XXVIII*. The two last raced each other at Cowes seven years ago.

The royal party is staying aboard the Royal Yacht *Britannia* for the last time at Cowes.

The boat, a much-loved and familiar presence at the regatta for the past 42 years, makes its last journey from the resort on Wednesday before it is decommissioned next year.

Earlier, the crew of *Britannia* was treated to a less salubrious scene as five models drew near the yacht in a speedboat and took their tops off to publicise a local calendar. The five women, all believed to be local, moored briefly before heading for the Royal Yacht Squadron, where the Duke of Edinburgh is Admiral, to repeat their performance. They motored away after stern words from officials. A spokesman for the club, which hosts its annual ball tonight, declined to comment.

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Imperial barrier against Picts was a display of power but a military failure, writes **Alan Hamilton**

Impressing the barbarians along the wild frontier

HADRIAN'S WALL

FROM the car park at Steel Rigg in the high, empty wildness of Northumberland, walk west for 15 minutes to the summit of Hadrian's Wall at 1,230ft. Now look east and follow the line of one of the Roman Empire's greatest constructions as it rollercoasts the crest of the Great Whin Sill for mile after uninhabited mile.

It took three legions 15 years and two million tonnes of stone and turf to build atop the steep-cliffed dolerite ridge that defines the waist of Britain from Tyne to Solway. But a troubling thought may occur to you as you marvel at the scale of its engineering: what on earth was it *for*?

To keep out troublesome Caledonian hooligans, of course, who might infect the imperial dominions with their woadish ways, filthy hygiene and annoying disinclination to accept the rule of Rome. Yet for much of its 80 Roman miles (73½ of our present-day variety) the wall appears superfluous, riding the crest of a steep natural cliff which even the most agile of Picts would find difficulty in scaling. It is also empty country, which would have been even emptier when the entire population of Britannia was at the most a scattered four million.

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Would not a line of forts — the preferred method of policing the frontier elsewhere in the empire — have sufficed? Such a line did in fact already exist along the Stanegate, the Roman road from Newcastle upon Tyne to Carlisle, not far south of where the wall was built. Keeping the northern louts out must have been part of its function. But for such an expenditure of money and manpower in such remote and inhospitable terrain, that cannot be all.

Hadrian: ordered wall during visit to Britain

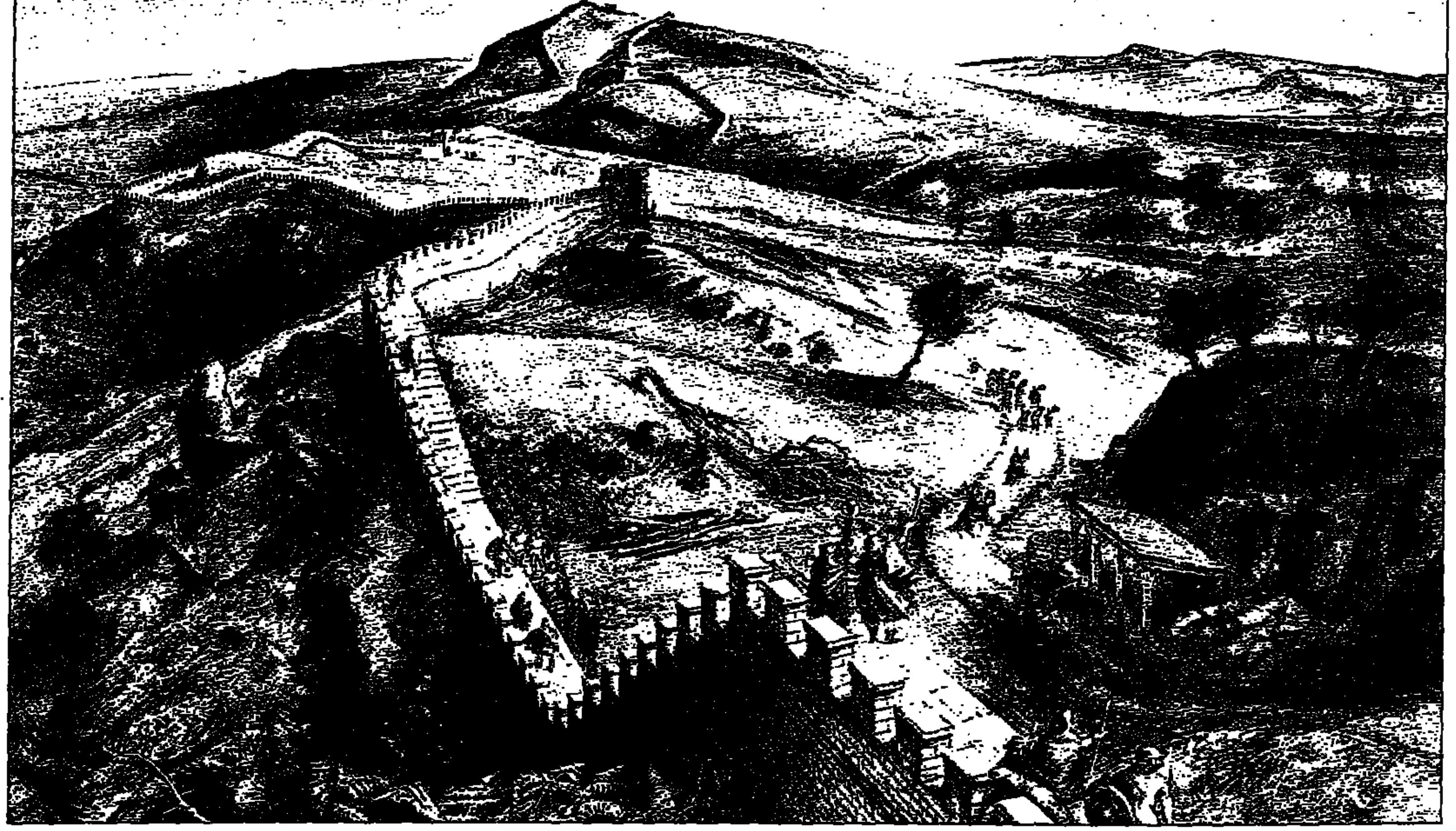
The full story is a matter of conjecture. You would think that the imperial historians would rave about such a tremendous feat of organisation and cleverness, but even Hadrian's biographer, Aelius Spartianus, gives it a mere two unhelpful lines: "He [Hadrian] set out for Britain, and there he corrected many abuses and was the first to construct a wall 80 miles in length which was to separate the barbarians from the Romans."

We must therefore make assumptions, and it is entirely reasonable to assume that Hadrian's Wall was, as much as anything else, a *Statement*. Hadrian ordered the mighty work during a visit to Britain in about AD 122. Unlike his expansionist predecessor Trajan, he was a sensitive soul, more in love with Greek culture and a young Greek boy than with the march of armies. In his view the empire was already large enough, and it was time for consolidation.

Commissioning the biggest wall in the empire was, in all probability, an act of self-aggrandisement, in the same way that Parisian arts centres, glass pyramids and other *grands travaux* are the attempts at immortality by modern French Presidents. If that was the case, it certainly worked.

James Crow, lecturer in archaeology at Newcastle University and an authority on the wall, believes it is also a statement of both power and failure. "Here are Romans saying to the native Brigantes, whose lands were sliced in half by the construction, 'We are going to frighten the wits out of you with technology you just won't believe, so you had better behave yourselves.' But at the same time, the very existence of the wall was a statement of admission by Rome that it had failed to conquer the entire island."

ALAN SORRELL

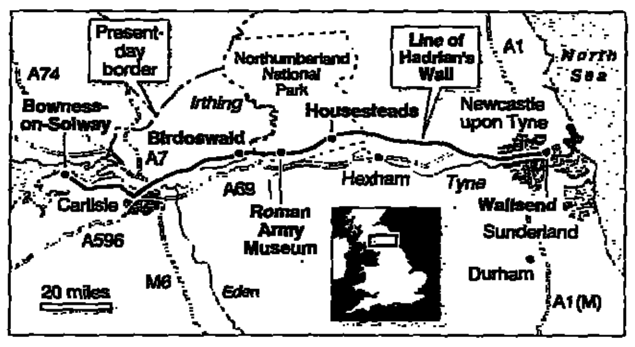


Then and now: how the wall may have looked in Hadrian's day, above, and as it is now. It took 15 years to build but was soon abandoned

There is some archaeological evidence that the wall was painted white throughout its entire length, whitewashing being a perfectly valid means of preserving and enhancing the lime mortar that bound its stones. "Stretching as far as the eye can see in both directions, with milecastles at every mile, that is one big statement to the natives that they have been occupied."

It was also a failure. Hadrian had been dead hardly a year and his wall barely finished when Rome took a strategic decision to move the frontier more than 75 miles to the north. A new barrier rose between the Forth and Clyde; Hadrian's Wall was evacuated of its garrison of 11,000 men and abandoned for 16 years.

For the remaining two centuries of Roman occupation, the wall was variously reoccupied, deserted, modified and rebuilt. Its last garrison appears to have abandoned it well before the last Roman legionary left Britain early in the fifth century.



The Romans built from the east, occasionally changing the design as they went west. At times the wall gets lower and thinner, perhaps because the Governor of Britain, on a tight schedule from his bosses, wanted it built faster. Some forts have three of their four exits on the north, suggesting a need for quick forays by the imperial army to biff the Painted People. At an early stage of construction, the garrisons on the Stanegate were moved up to the wall, suggesting trouble from the natives.

But the wall itself is only the half of it. Running for much of its length on the northern side is a defensive ditch: much more remarkable, on the southern side for almost its entire length is the *vallum*, a ditch originally 20ft wide and 10ft deep, with 20ft high mounds of earth on either side. Its construction must have been almost as big a project as the wall itself.

Historians conclude that the *vallum* was the Roman equivalent of barbed wire, defining the limit of the military zone which ran length of the wall, and designed to deter undesirables from the south from entering an army-controlled area where there would be mayhem to be wrought and bags of army kit to be stolen. As you cross the narrows of England, through the valleys of the rivers Tyne, Irthing and Eden, the *vallum* follows your route with almost as much prominence in places as the parallel masonry.

The wall was full of gates, to allow the passage of legitimate traders, sheep drovers, merchants, pimps, whores and other permissible barbarians. But the crossings of the *vallum* were far fewer; in bureaucratic terms, crossing the Berlin Wall was probably somewhat easier.

What the garrison made of its chilly and far-flung posting we can only guess, but the slender evidence suggests they were much like the muttering soldiery of any age or place.

Among the magnificent haul of personal letters recovered from the peat bog of Vindolanda in the 1970s is one probably to a private soldier, perhaps from his mother back in warmer lands: "I have sent you ... pairs of socks (*undonum*) from Sattua, two pairs of sandals (*solearum duo*) and two sets of underpants (*subligariorum duo*)." It is the first recorded mention of underpants in Roman Britain, and gives the lie to the notion that the forces of occupation froze in nothing but their legionary miniskirts.

It is a misconception to imagine that the Roman wall was patrolled by Romans; there are probably more Italians living in Glasgow today than ever strode the northern frontier of the empire. Although built by the II, VI and XX legions, the wall was garrisoned by auxiliary cohorts recruited from all parts of the empire — Gaul, Spain, north Africa, and latterly no doubt from Britain itself.

Nothing better illustrates the cosmopolitan nature of the wall's garrison and surrounding civilian community than a tombstone now in Newcastle University's Museum of Antiquities. Barates, a Syrian merchant trading on the wall, married Regina, an early Essex girl from the Catuvellauni tribe of southeast Britain. Whether she was all XR3i white chariot and stiletto sandals, her fine memorial sadly does not record.

Tomorrow: St Albans, Exeter and Dorchester

How to see the best of the sites

WALKING the length of Hadrian's Wall at the steady marching pace of the XX Valeria Victrix legion would take 4½ days. Fully savouring the ruins and the magnificent wildness takes the better part of a fortnight. Walkers should limit the contents of their packs to well below the 60-80lbs that a legionary carried on his back.

Most of the wall is walkable, and it is almost entirely within easy reach of public transport. The Newcastle-Carlisle railway is rarely more than a mile or two away, and hail-and-ride buses follow the wall in summer months connecting the stations of Carlisle, Haltwhistle and Hexham. *(All public transport inquiries: 01670-533128)*. The main sites of Chesters, Housesteads and Vindolanda are served by bus from Hexham BR station.

The best starting point is Newcastle, with a visit to the university's small Museum of Antiquities. *(Queen Victoria Street, Newcastle; open Mon-Sat, 10-5, admission free)*. You can then take the train to Hexham, but the drive is better. Take the A69 Carlisle road as far as Heddon-on-the-Wall, and turn on to the B6318, built by General Wade on top of the wall itself. The northern ditch and southern vallum are splendidly visible at many points on the way to Chesters fort with its substantial remains of a bathhouse, complete with niches for the bathers' clothes. *(Open daily in summer, 9.30-6, admission £2.50)*.

Continue along the same road, and stop briefly at the Temple to Mithras on the left-hand side. The Roman god's birthday was December 25, and some visitors still place flowers and candles in the ruin at Christmas.

Next comes the fort at Housesteads, the best-preserved in Britain, complete with a 16-seater latrine. *(Fort open daily, 10-6, admission £2.50, National Trust members free)*. A walk on the wall in either direction gives an exhilarating demonstration of the wall's panoramic views to the north.

Well signposted off the B6318 nearby is Steel Rigg, one of the best vantage points on the entire stretch. Much of the wall you see here is a 19th-century renovation.

Near Housesteads are the forts of Corbridge with its well-preserved granary *(open daily 10-6, admission £2.50)* and Vindolanda, a privately owned site with modern reconstructions of what a fort and milecastle might have looked like. Original writings, one of the great finds of British archaeology, are now in the British Museum, but there are copies and explanatory material in the site's museum. *(Open daily, 10-6.30, admission £3.50)*.

Keeping up appearances was time well spent for garrison town women

By Emma Wilkins

CHICHESTER

THE fastidious daily routine of Romano-British women is reflected in objects on display in the West Sussex garrison town of Chichester, which flourished as a trading post with the continental empire.

A full make-up kit at the museum includes *ligulae*, small metal spoons used for scooping up cosmetic powders that were then mixed on a palette. Eye-shadows were made from saffron plant extracts mixed with oil to give a muted, yellowish colour. Lead-based foundations and rouged cheeks completed the effect, topped off with an exotic headdress held up by decorative bone or metal pins.

According to an account by Ovid, hares' blood was smeared on the legs as an exfoliant; tweezers plucked out unwanted remains.

The tiny museum chronicles the history of the Romans. They arrived with the Kentish invasion force in AD43 and the town became a garrison for the Second Legion as it prepared to subdue unruly tribes to the west.

Military paraphernalia found in the town includes one the few surviving examples of a gladius, a short stabbing sword, which is preserved in controlled temperature. Emasculators from the old cattlemarket are the only ones to be found in Britain.

"Chichester was not a major town like St Albans or Colchester, but it was important strategically," Sue Fulwood, keeper of archaeology at the museum, said.

"The army camped here while they made plans to subdue the South West and the Isle of Wight. The military occupation lasted about two years and the town grew up around the original camp.

"It was replanned in the second century on much the same lines as we see today, with four gates at each point of the compass." Chichester's walls were not built until the late 2nd or early 3rd century, supporting the theory that pirates began raiding around this time.

One of the main local industries was bone-working: hairpins, whistles, combs, dice and gaming counters have been uncovered. Trade in wool, wheat, barley, oats and rye — all local crops — was the mainstay of the port.

The Roman name for Chichester, Noviomagus (new market), has puzzled historians for decades. A new theory emerging from recent work at Fishbourne suggests that Chichester may have moved eastwards several miles around AD 70 before work on the palace began there.

One of the most significant finds in Chichester gives a rare clue to the identity of Cogidubnus, who many believe was installed in Fishbourne palace as a client king by the Emperor Claudius, whose names he took as a sign of respect. An inscription on a marble plaque, discovered in 1723, reads: "To Neptune and Minerva, for the welfare of the Divine House by the authority of Tiberius Claudius Cogidubnus, a great king in Britain, the guild of smiths and those therein gave this temple from their own resources, Jens, son on Pudentinus, presenting the site." The plaque can be seen on the outside of the Council House in North Street.

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Olympic shame over Britain's medal tally

FROM JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT, IN ATLANTA

BRITAIN ended the Olympics yesterday with their worst performance since the 1952 Games in Helsinki.

Not for 44 years has the British team failed to gain more than one gold medal and the Government is so concerned that it has asked the British Olympic Association (BOA) to have a special meeting with Iain Sproat, the Minister for Sport, to discuss the lack of success.

However, this will not take place until at least October because, first, the BOA must hold its debriefing sessions with the individual sports to analyse why so many competitors failed to match their best results in Atlanta.

While the French are revelling in having collected in Atlanta their highest number of gold medals (15) since 1900, when Paris staged the Games and only 26 countries participated, the British team will fly home today knowing sport in Britain must undergo a revolution in administration, funding and preparation.

If this does not happen, then there is the risk of even more dismal results in Sydney in four years' time.

The statistics from these Games are unpalatable. Britain totalled only 16 medals, ten fewer than the BOA had expected.

Although just 13 were won in 1976, at least there were three gold medals. In 1968, there were also 13 medals, but five of them were gold. This year the one title was won — by Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent in the coxless pairs.

It has become more difficult to be successful at the Games over the years because the number of participating countries has increased. There were 197 countries taking part in Atlanta, 128 more than in 1952 when Britain collected 11 medals, including just one gold. However, even if many more of the smaller nations now participate, the number of Olympic events has also grown. In Helsinki there were 149; in Atlanta, 271.

Dick Palmer, the BOA secretary, says: "We have reached a watershed, a moment of truth. We cannot bluff it. We have to get our act together. We need more funding.

"I believe that in a country of 55 million we should be producing more competitors and getting better results."

Kevin Hickey, the BOA technical director, said that in several British teams here there was "a fairly obvious lack of preparation for the mental toughness required for the Olympics.

"We knew these would be a hard, grinding Games with a lot of US hype and a lot of pressure. It was emphasised at the training camps that teams had to be confident to the point of arrogance."

The Government will be told in other detailed inquests on the Games that the Minister for Sport should take on executive powers and scrap the bureaucracies of the four national and United Kingdom sports councils. This direct responsibility by government for sport is what happens in France.

As Jean-Richard Germont, the director of elite preparation for the French Olympic Committee, says: "It is a system. The proof is that it works."

☐ **Johannesburg:** News that a black South African had won Olympic gold was loudly cheered back home, where Josiah Thugwane, a coal miner, is assured of fame and fortune beyond his wildest dreams (Inigo Gilmore writes).

Mathews Phosa, the African National Congress premier of Mpumalanga, Thugwane's home province, said the marathon runner would be treated to the "mother of all parties" when he returned to South Africa and be booked into a resort of his choice "for a well-deserved rest".

Hailing the "dedicated and able gladiator" and his "heartening victory", Mr Phosa added: "He did it for all of us as a country and we will always be proud of him and his achievements."

Thugwane was fortunate to be in Atlanta: he survived a car hijacking attempt in March. After a bullet grazed his chin, he jumped from the moving vehicle and badly injuring his back.

It was feared he would never run again but, with the help of his mining company, he recovered from his injuries to go on to win a place in the South African team and to collect a gold medal.

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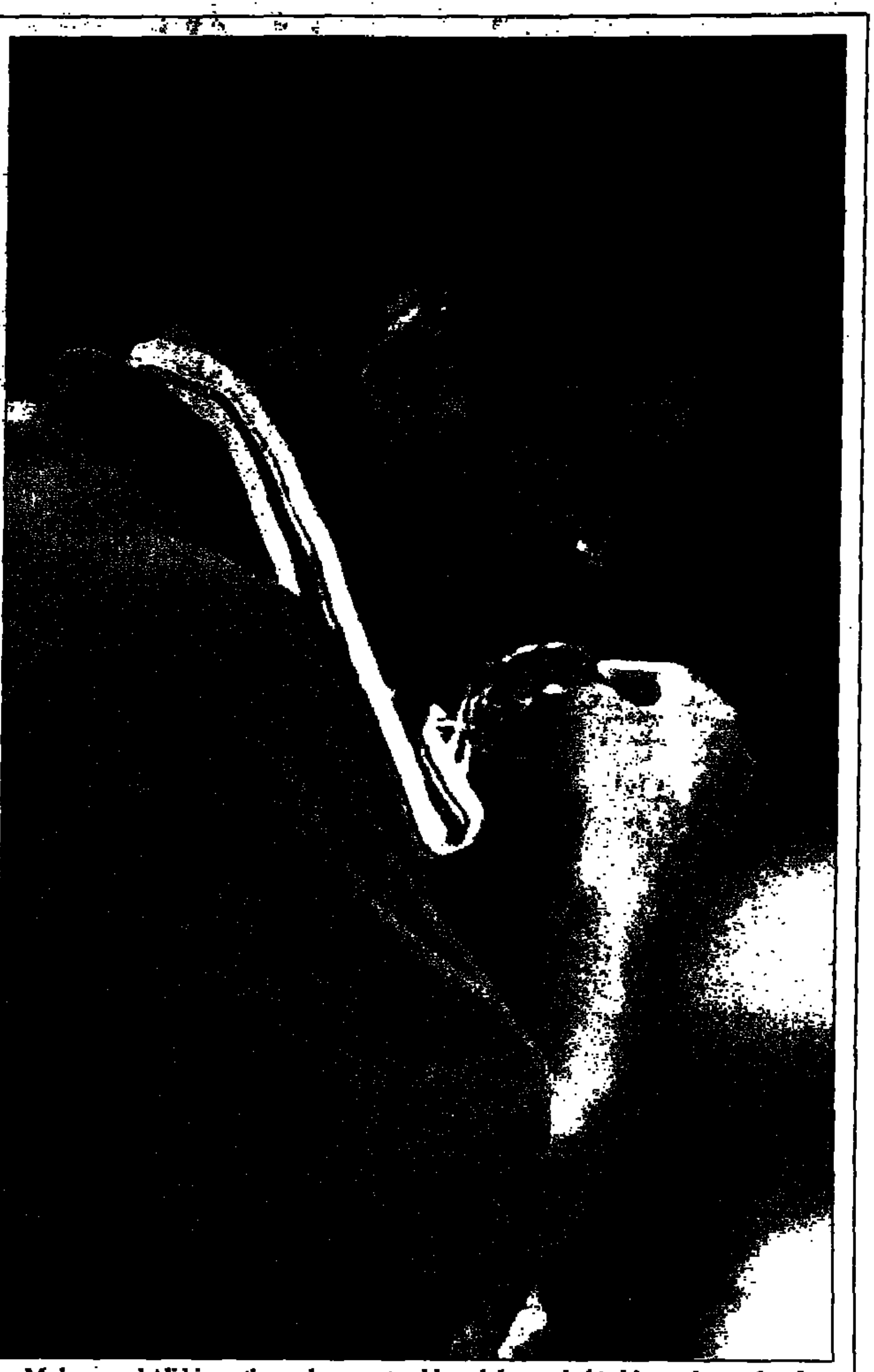
Officials replace the gold Ali threw in river

BY QUENTIN LETTS



Muhammad Ali kisses the replacement gold medal awarded to him at the weekend

FORMER Olympic light-heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was given a gold medal at the Atlanta Games on Saturday to make up for the one he threw away in protest at racism in the 1960s.

Ali, suffering from Parkinson's disease, was presented with the replacement medal at half-time in the basketball finals. A large crowd rose to its feet when Ali accepted the medal from Juan Antonio Samaranch and rewarded the president of the International Olympic Committee with a kiss. Ali also lifted the medal to his lips.

In his heyday Ali, formerly known as Cassius Clay, was blessed with a repartee second in its speed and sting only to his jabbing punches and "butterfly" steps. These days he moves slowly and is incapable of proper conversation, but on receiving the new gold medal he responded with a slow, broad smile.

Many spectators at Atlanta's Georgia Dome wept after he was driven into the arena on a gold-coloured golf cart and then shuffled awkwardly to the middle of the floor. "Ali! Ali!" chanted the crowd.

The onetime "Louisville Lip", who turned professional after his victory as an 18-year-old over Poland's Zbigniew Pietrzykowski at the 1960 Olympics, hurled his original gold medal in disgust into the Ohio River after he was refused entry to a white-run restaurant in Kentucky and was confronted by a white motorbike gang. He later wrote that he felt "great strength" as he watched the medal sink in the river.

Saturday's ceremony was his second appearance at the Atlanta Games, which have tried to depict themselves as a racially healing event. He was the surprise guest at the opening ceremony two weeks ago when he lit a mechanised taper that ignited the Olympic torch.

His presence did not please everyone. His old opponent "Smokin' Joe" Frazier said: "I think it was a big slap in the face for boxing. There are men who have done more for America and more for boxing — he was a draft dodger. If they had asked me, hell, I'd have run all the way up there and lit the flame. He's a lot of noise, a lot of mouth."

In a reminder of the security concerns that have dogged this Olympics, two members of the National Guard were attacked by a gunman in a suburb of the city early yesterday. One died, the other was wounded in the 3.30am incident as they were leaving a restaurant. The shots were fired from a passing car and the killing raised fresh doubts about Atlanta's ill-advised boasts to be the "safest place on Earth" during the Olympics.

The motive for the attack was not known. The men were in plain clothes and were not on duty; there was no attempt to rob them.

At any other time, a "drive-by" killing in the Atlanta suburb of Doraville would excite little attention, for the city has a lamentable crime record.

However, the guardsmen were part of the 30,000-strong security force which was moved to Atlanta for the past two weeks to guard the city against attack. The number of troops was increased after the bombing of Centennial Park nine days ago.

The often-troubled Games were concluding late last night with a closing ceremony whose details were being kept a secret.

Soviet echo as successor states rule awards table

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN MOSCOW

WHILE Olympic competition may never be the same without the sight of the Communist red banner and the strains of the Soviet national anthem, the 15 nations of the former Soviet Union proved in Atlanta that they had not lost their sporting spirit or ability.

Cold War rivalry may be over, but the former Soviet states, competing for the first time as independent nations, can reflect with satisfaction that put together, their medals total would easily push America into second place in the table.

The result confounded critics, who predicted a sporting disaster after the collapse of the huge Soviet sporting apparatus which lavished funding on facilities and training for its athletes. Also, many predicted that the break-up of the Soviet national team would destroy team sports.

"At some level we miss the Soviet Union, because it gave us a greater pool of talent," said Aleksandr Davidson, the director of the Russian Basketball Federation. "But now we have young people who are finding different motivations to win."

While state sponsorship for sports on a Soviet scale may have dried up, the slack has in part been taken up by the private sector. Reebok, the sporting goods company, was the official sponsor of the Russian Olympic team and paid millions of dollars for everything from equipment to uniforms.

Similarly in Ukraine, when the country's Olympic team set off for Atlanta, the big outdoor concert event to see off the athletes in Kiev was hosted by Coca-Cola.

Aside from sporting giants like Russia, Ukraine and Belorussia, smaller states in the former Soviet Union proved in Atlanta that, in spite of economic hardships and in some cases crippling ethnic wars, sport is still taken very seriously.

Armenia certainly rose to the occasion in Atlanta when it clinched a gold and silver medal. In neighbouring Georgia, residents of the capital, Tbilisi, were reportedly glued to their televisions to watch their athletes return home with two bronze medals.

Kirghizia, the remote Central Asia republic which failed to make it onto the medal table, nevertheless demonstrated that it took the competition seriously when it offered its athletes £12,000 for a gold, £10,000 for a silver and £6,000 for bronze. Latvia pledged a reward of nearly £300,000 to its first gold medallist. Although no one was able to claim the prize, Einars Fogelis, the head of Latvia's Department of Sports, was undaunted.

"It is not the rewards that matter, it is the fact that our athletes can represent their country which is important," he told *Izvestia*, the Moscow evening paper. "No question, there is more motivation now."

While the Olympics may have helped to forge a sense of national pride among nations still facing a difficult transition to full independence, some predict that by the next Olympics there may be even more nations represented from what was the Soviet Union.

Raimkul Malakhbekov, a boxing medallist in the Russian team, insisted on fighting all his bouts in a uniform embossed with the name Kalmykia, an autonomous republic inside the Russian Federation.

Even Chechenia, Russia's breakaway republic, had its atheletes represented in Atlanta. Luchman and Elmadi Zhabrailov, two brothers who are both wrestlers, refused to compete on behalf of Russia and instead they represented Moldavia and Kazakhstan.

Many of their countrymen hope that by the Sydney Olympiad in 2000 Chechen athletes will be competing for the first time under their own national flag.

☐ **Drug protest:** Russia complained that the International Olympic Committee had not told it that bromantan, a secret Soviet-era drug, was now banned. But the committee said it did not have to, once experts had established that the substance was a stimulant. An official said he believed Moscow had been using the drug for more than a decade. *(Reuter)*

MEDAL HAUL

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Russia	26	20	14	60
Ukraine	7	2	11	20
Belorussia	1	6	8	15
Kazakhstan	2	3	4	9
Armenia	1	1	0	2
Uzbekistan	0	1	1	2
Georgia	0	0	2	2
Azerbaijan	0	1	0	1
Lithuania	0	0	1	1
Moldova	0	0	1	1

Total 113

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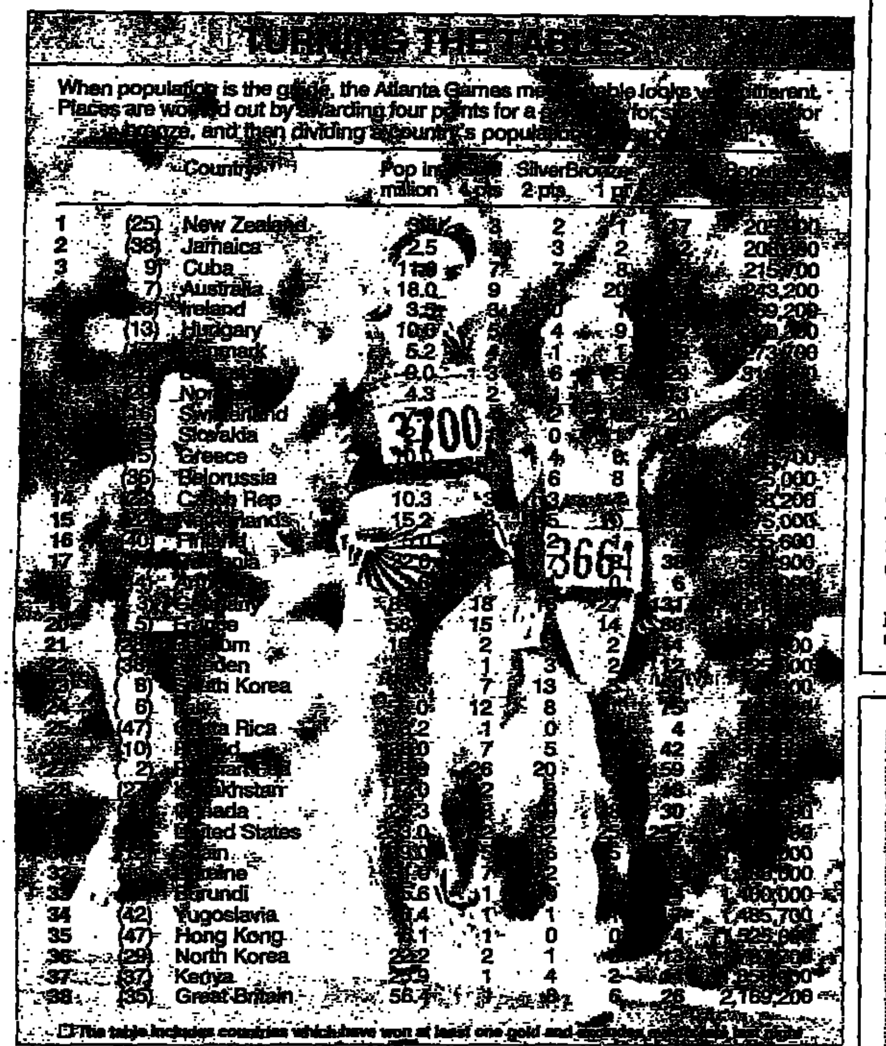

When population is the guide, the Atlanta Games medal table looks very different. Places are worked out by awarding four points for a gold, [illegible] for silver and one for bronze, and then dividing a country's population by [illegible]

		Country	Pop in million	Gold 4 pts	Silver 2 pts	Bronze 1 pt	[illegible]	Population [illegible]
1	(25)	New Zealand	[illegible]	3	2	1	17	[illegible]
2	(38)	Jamaica	2.5	[illegible]	3	2	[illegible]	[illegible]
3	(9)	Cuba	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8	[illegible]	215,700
4	(7)	Australia	18.0	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ireland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	(13)	Hungary	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	9	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Denmark	5.2	[illegible]	1	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	(29)	Norway	4.3	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Switzerland	[illegible]	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	20	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Slovakia	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Greece	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	8	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	(36)	Belorussia	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	8	[illegible]	[illegible]
14	[illegible]	Czech Rep	10.3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
15	[illegible]	Netherlands	15.2	[illegible]	5	10	[illegible]	[illegible]
16	(40)	Finland	[illegible]	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
17	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible]	(3)	Germany	[illegible]	18	[illegible]	27	[illegible]	[illegible]
20	(5)	France	[illegible]	15	[illegible]	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
21	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	(38)	Sweden	[illegible]	1	3	2	12	[illegible]
[illegible]	(8)	South Korea	[illegible]	7	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	(6)	Italy	[illegible]	12	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	(47)	Costa Rica	[illegible]	1	0	[illegible]	4	[illegible]
[illegible]	(10)	Poland	[illegible]	7	5	[illegible]	42	[illegible]
[illegible]	(2)	Russian Fed	[illegible]	26	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	(27)	Kazakhstan	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Canada	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	30	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	United States	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Spain	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
32	[illegible]	Ukraine	[illegible]	7	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
33	[illegible]	Burundi	5.6	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,400,000
34	(42)	Yugoslavia	[illegible]	1	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,485,700
35	(47)	Hong Kong	[illegible]	1	0	0	4	[illegible]
36	(29)	North Korea	22.2	2	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
37	(37)	Kenya	[illegible]	1	4	2	[illegible]	[illegible]
38	(35)	Great Britain	58.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	26	2,169,200

☐ This table includes countries which have won at least one gold and [illegible]

Tongan punches his way into record books

New York: To the bafflement of many Americans, cries of "Tonga! Tonga!" rang around the boxing hall in Atlanta last night as Paea Wolfgramm went for gold in the super heavyweight division (Quentin Letts writes). In the process, he has become the first subject of the Pacific kingdom to win a medal at the Games.

In his homeland, on the other side of the international dateline, Tongans closely followed the bout on radios as many do not own a television.

Wolfgramm's sovereign, King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, was hoping to be among the spectators in Atlanta to watch the final against Vladimir Klichko of Ukraine.

Wolfgramm's presence in the final was as truly Olympian a moment as these Games offered. It was certainly more romantic than that of the strutting, overpaid US basketball team which, arguably, should not have been embraced by the Olympic family.

Wolfgramm was not expected to progress to the finals, and he provided one of the few upsets of the Olympiad when he beat Cuba's Alexis Rubalcaba in the quarter-final. In the semi-final on Saturday, he beat Nigeria's Duncan Dokiwari in the final seconds, throwing a lucky punch that landed and took him past his rival on points.

In the Atlanta boxing arena, American fans, whose own fighters have had little luck in Atlanta, adopted the plucky Pacific islander. The fighter invoked the words of his forefathers who said before they went to war against Samoa. *"Mounga kihi loto,"* he growled. "The mountain is in our hearts."

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Croats hint at deal as EU plans Mostar exit

By Stacy Sullivan in Mostar and Eve-Ann Prentice, Diplomatic Correspondent

BOSNIAN CROATS in Mostar issued an unspecified proposal last night aimed at ending their boycott of the newly elected city council, which has threatened to undermine the elections to be held throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina in six weeks' time.

"We have received a new proposal from the Croat side ... and we are trying to get in touch with the Bosnian [Muslim] side to talk to them," Dragan Gasic, a European Union spokesman, said. The offer concerned a key stumbling block, but it was too early to say whether the move could rescue the EU's two-year mission to unify the city.

The EU mission there was pronounced all but dead earlier yesterday after separatist Bosnian Croats failed to meet a midnight deadline to recognise the city's recent election results and end the boycott.

An EU decision to pull out of Mostar, which may still be announced today at EU headquarters in Brussels, would set a dangerous precedent for next month's elections by showing that any group dissatisfied with results can render them invalid.

The Nato-led Implementation Force, Ifor, has increased the number of patrols in the Mostar region, according to Major Brett Boudreau, a Nato spokesman in Sarajevo. Major Boudreau said the Croats' boycott was disappointing, but added that the peace force would wait for official word from the EU before making any major moves.

Before last night's proposal from the Croats, Sir Martin Garrod, the British EU administrator of Mostar, said: "I am very disappointed, deeply disappointed. This is a sad day for Mostar. The only people who are going to be drinking champagne in Mostar now are the [Croat] thugs, gangs and criminals ... We will leave behind a rear party to complete the tasks currently under way, pay the bills and switch off the lights."

He added, however, that if the Croats were to come forward with a compromise before the EU gave its final decision today, an agreement allowing the EU to stay could still be reached.

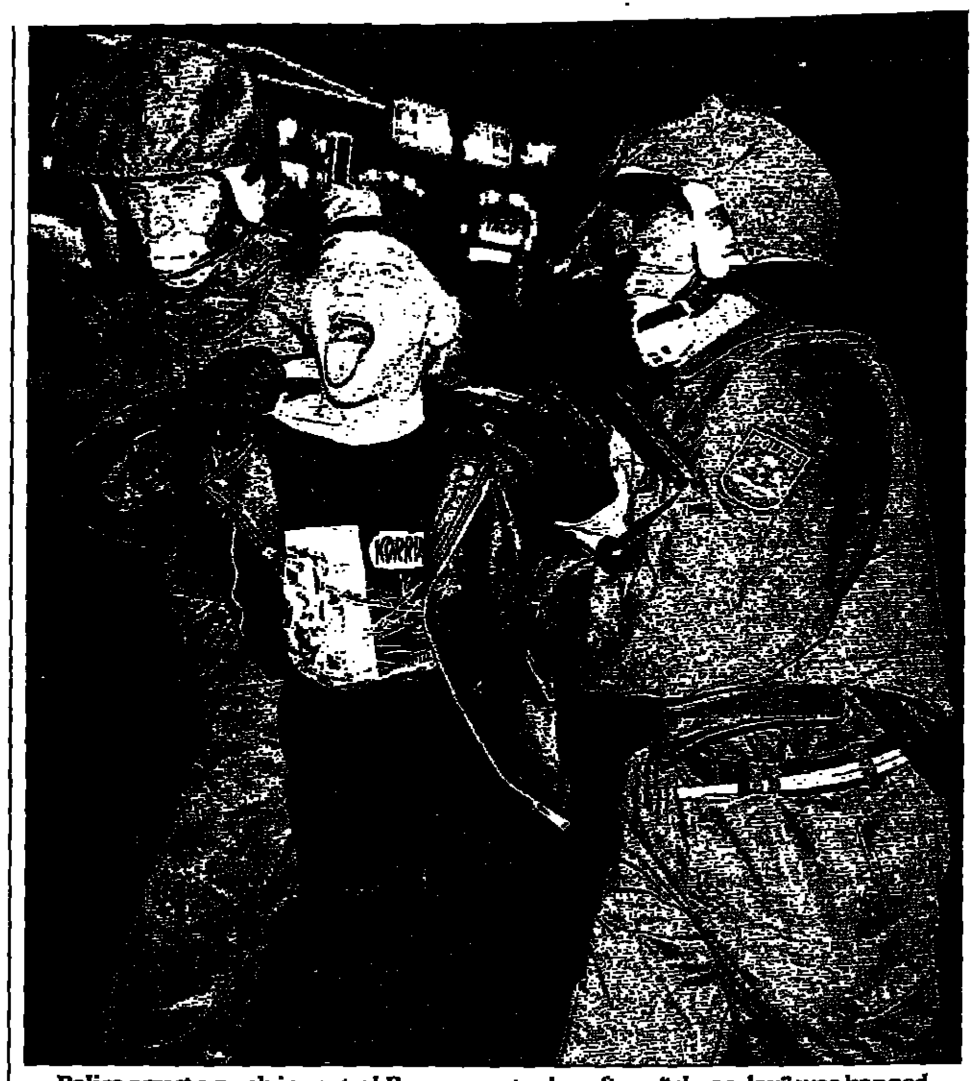
Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, urged the Mostar Croats to stop hindering the power-sharing agreement with the Muslims, saying it would be disastrous if the deadlock led to the departure of EU representatives.

President Clinton met President Tudjman of Croatia in Washington on Friday to urge him to bring his Bosnian Croat protégés into line.

The prospects for long-term peace in Bosnia are also being jeopardised by an apparent inability of the United States and Europe to harmonise their approach to the Balkans. America has reportedly drawn up plans for a commando raid to seize Radovan Karadzic, the former president of the self-styled Republika Srpska, who is accused of war crimes. The scheme brought a swift retort yesterday from Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary. He said it would endanger the lives of British and other Ifor troops. The British Government, meanwhile, rebuked Mostar's Croats. A Whitehall statement said the boycott had "worrying implications for the establishment of a fully functioning [Muslim-Croat] Federation, which is a key pillar on which the Dayton agreement is based."

The impasse between the Bosnian Croats and EU came after Mostar's city elections on June 30. Residents voted to elect a single council to unify the city, which is divided between Croats, who would like to keep the city divided, and Muslims, who have been aiming for reunification. The Muslims won a 21-16 majority, but the Croats declared the elections fraudulent.

Croatia faced condemnation on another front yesterday, when the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights said that more than 115 Croatian Serbs had been "arbitrarily executed" and 110 others had "disappeared" when Croatian forces recaptured Krajina a year ago yesterday.



Police arrest a punk in central Bremen yesterday after a "chaos day" was banned

German police clash with punks

From Associated Press in Bremen

POLICE in Bremen arrested 70 punks early yesterday after about 250, observing an annual celebration of anarchy, threw beer bottles at officers. No one was injured and the group was released later.

"Chaos days" have been held annually in Hanover since the early 1980s, but officials in the north German city banned it this year after two consecutive years of looting and vandalism. Six thousand officers blocked Hanover's centre throughout the weekend to enforce the ban and the loosely organised event moved to nearby Bremen. Police there turned back hundreds of youths arriving at the railway station early on Saturday.

The punks expressed anger that they were not allowed to gather peacefully in the city, and hundreds fought police officers with stones, bottles and petrol bombs. Six officers were injured and a police vehicle was set on fire and destroyed.

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Britain haunted by 1950s errors as euro beckons

THIS WEEK IN EUROPE

During the months to come, one argument will reverberate through the debate about Europe. If we stay out of the single currency, grave voices will warn, we will repeat the mistake of the 1950s when we disdainfully refused to join the original Common Market.

"Waiting longer will not help us make up our minds," the economist Christopher Johnson says at the end of his philippic, *In With the Euro, Out With the Pound*. "The single currency countries ... will move ahead and write their own rules ... It will be like Britain's refusal to sign the Treaty of Rome in 1957." Sir Roy Denman, a retired British Eurocrat, called his dyspeptic and witty critique of Britain's zigzags in Europe, *Missed Chances*.

You can argue about whether or not Britain would be right or wrong to pass up the single currency. But let's stop misusing history. The argument about the 1950s has more to do with exploiting guilt and fear than about analysing what went wrong. Forty years on, Europe and the world are different places. A decade after the war, tariff walls were still high, the Asian tiger economies had hardly been born, Soviet Russia was a superpower, and the Commonwealth a real institution.

That British ministers and officials of the time committed grotesque errors of judgment is beyond dispute. Many British officials dealing with the European Union now are haunted by the fear of committing the same sins. "No very spectacular developments are to be expected as a result of the Messina conference," advised the British Ambassador in Paris in 1956. After the European Economic Community took shape, the late Rab Butler confessed to having been "bored" by the spectacle of continental technocrats sitting down to discuss customs barriers.

The people fearful that Britain will lose influence by excluding itself now from a hard-currency zone conclude that the failure then was a lack of nerve and of leadership. All the chances, from the refusal to join discussions on the Schumann plan in 1950 to the signing of the treaty in 1957, were missed because ministers should have taken the plunge and did not.

But the real mistake was a myopic failure to foresee that the EEC's architects would succeed in setting up workable institutions. Getting the prediction wrong was not the same as getting the policy wrong.

In a clear and unsentimental analysis of this period, Professor John Young, of Leicester University, argues that the important difference was between the policy of 1950-55, which tried to link Britain as closely as possible with arrangements whose ultimate federalist aim we did not share, and a different tack taken in 1956-57, which rejected the whole business. The first approach was not necessarily wrong; the second plainly was.

Britain's problems with the EU reflect, at the deepest level, disagreement about the distribution of political and economic power. In a pamphlet* published today, the Tory MEP Graham Mather says that Britain must recognise "that our relationship with the European Union is misfiring because of divergent objectives".

In only one respect, the 1950s mirror the 1990s: our dilemma then and now was and is to find the best accommodation between engagement and not being locked into a political union. This reflects history, culture and economics before it has anything to do with failure of nerve.

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Chirac gets a taste for government reshuffle

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

PRESIDENT CHIRAC has launched an intensive lunching programme in recent days, wining and dining allies and opponents alike and fuelling speculation that the French leader is cooking up a substantial government reshuffle for the autumn.

Last week M Chirac broke bread with three political heavyweights: Edouard Balladur, the former Prime Minister who was his unsuccessful rival for the presidency, Philippe Séguin, the parliamentary Speaker, and Alain Madelin, the Thatcherite former Finance Minister.

On Saturday he dined with Michel Rocard, the former Socialist Prime Minister, and before leaving for his summer holiday M Chirac will host private lunches with Charles Pasqua, the Gaullist former Interior Minister, and François Léotard, head of the UDF, the junior partner in the ruling coalition.

The most notable absentee from the guest list has been Alain Juppé. If there is more serious industrial unrest next month, then the enduringly unpopular Prime Minister is likely to find himself the prime candidate for public sacrifice.

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Israel on alert as Hamas calls for anti-Arafat rising

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI military commanders placed security forces on alert yesterday after violence broke out between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and threatened to spill over into Israel.

The threats against both Israel and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority chairman, were issued by Hamas, the militant Islamic group responsible for a series of suicide bombings inside Israel earlier this year. In a statement, Hamas called on members of its underground armed wing to "strike Zionist targets in response to the crimes of Arafat's regime and its oppressive militias", and for the people to launch an intifada against the authority.

Hamas branded Mr Arafat a "collaborator" and blamed the Palestinian police for shooting dead one of its supporters. The killing came after the death of a Palestinian activist who was tortured in prison by Palestinian police in Nablus. Although the police officers responsible were jailed, the action failed to prevent riots in the city on Thursday. The next day police opened fire on demonstrators in the city of Tulkarm, killing the Hamas supporter and wounding about 15 others. The crowd had stormed a Tulkarm jail to protest at the detention of inmates without charges.

As rioting ensued, Israeli military commanders on the West Bank were ordered to strengthen their numbers and to help Palestinian police to treat the wounded, but not to interfere in the fighting.

Yesterday Mr Arafat ordered the release of 20 Hamas prisoners in an attempt to end Hamas's uprising threat. "The release was carried out for the public good," Amin Hindi, chief of Palestinian intelligence, said.

In the wake of the suicide bombings in Israel in February and March, Palestinian police arrested nearly 900 Islamic militants. The bombings were claimed by Hamas and the smaller Islamic Jihad group. Hamas sources say about 300 militants remain in Palestinian detention.

Friday's shooting incident, Hamas noted, came on the same day the Israeli Cabinet gave the go-ahead for an expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, home to more than two million Palestinians.

The decision led to an outcry from the Palestinian Authority and Arab leaders. Amar Moussa, Egypt's Foreign Minister, said the Arab world had been taken by surprise and warned Israel against expansions of Jewish settlements. "The peace process could be in danger if the settlement process is mobilised to the extent we have heard," he said.

Saeb Erekat, a leading Palestinian Authority member, said: "The Israeli Government's resolution is a serious setback to the peace process. I think settlement activity … building settlements, expanding settlements is an effective cancellation of peace."

Although the Palestinian Authority rejects Hamas's charges that it is collaborating with Israel, there are signs that they are working closely on security issues. One example of this effort was a meeting scheduled in the Palestinian city of Ramallah of heads of the joint Israeli-Palestinian security committee to discuss rising crime in the West Bank after news that Israeli and Arab criminals were co-operating in drug dealing, car theft, forgery and counterfeiting.

☐ **Jail escape:** Two members of Islamic Jihad serving long sentences in an Israeli jail escaped yesterday, an Israeli police spokesman said. The two had apparently tunnelled their way out of a prison near Tel Aviv. *(Reuter)*

> ‘Jewish settlement activity is an effective cancellation of peace’

Test ban wins backing

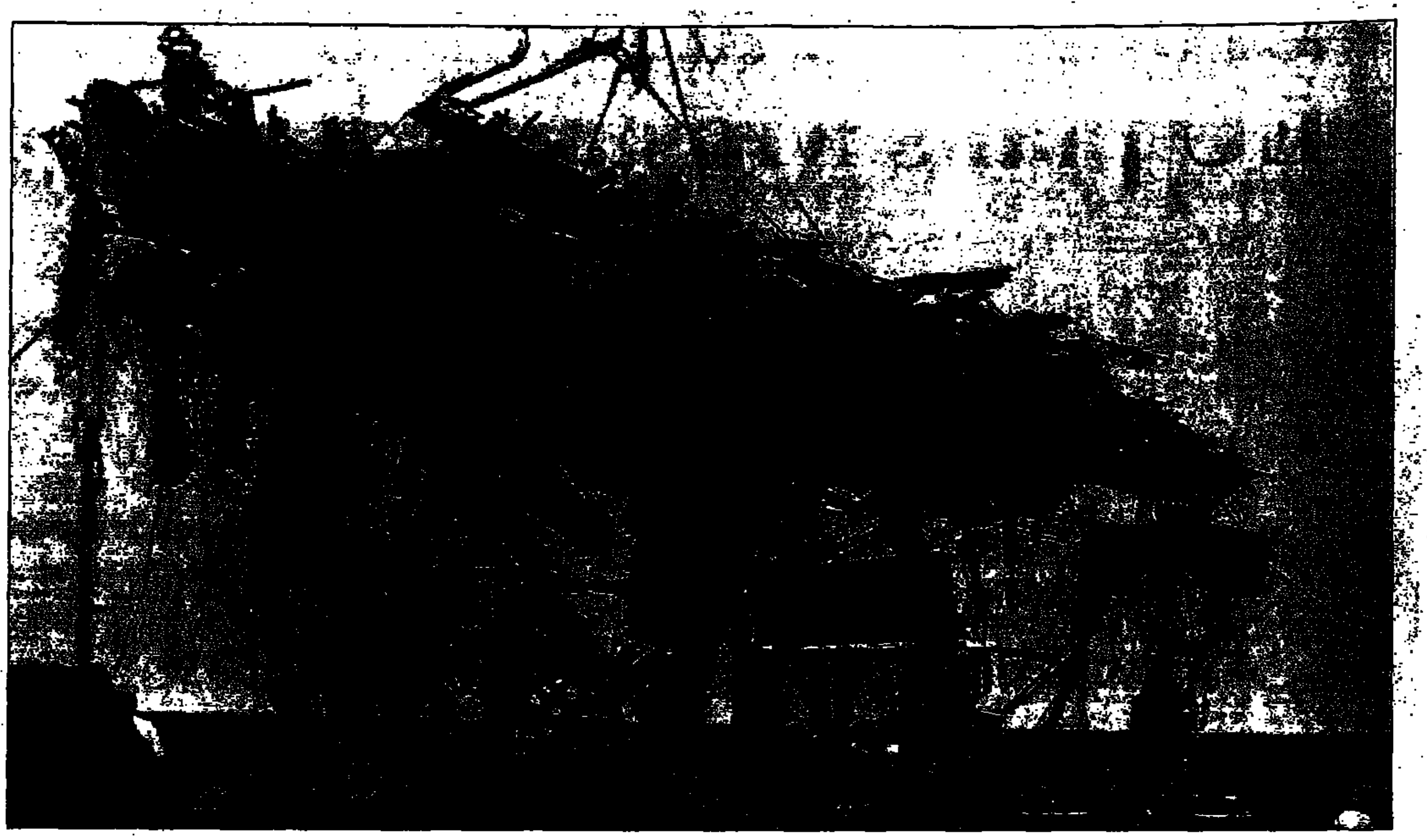
Jerusalem: Israel, which some observers believe has secretly conducted two nuclear tests in the past, has agreed in principle not to block the proposed Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (Ross Dunn writes).

The decision indicates that Israel would sign the treaty if differences which have prevented India and Pakistan giving their consent to it can be resolved.

According to some reports, Israel conducted one underground nuclear test in the Negev desert in 1966. It is also believed to have tested a tactical nuclear warhead in the Indian Ocean in 1979, possibly with South Africa.

Officially the Israeli Government denies having conducted such tests and insists it will not be the first country to "introduce nuclear weapons" into the Middle East.

John Hollum, America's director of arms control, who visited here last week, said Israel's support could be the key to securing the agreement of other countries in the region, including Egypt.



The largest piece of fuselage from TWA Flight 800 to be recovered so far, a 40ft by 60ft piece of the forward section roof, is lifted to shore from a Navy barge at Shinnecock Coast Guard station (Quentin Letts writes).

Scientists study roof of TWA jet for evidence of explosives

Yesterday, scientists started to inspect the three-quarters-of-an-inch thick "skin" of the roof of the Boeing 747, which crashed last month killing 230 people. The experts want to see if it had been scorched and marked by any residue of explosives.

On Saturday night, the bodies of a pilot and a flight engineer were recovered. Captain Ralph G. Kevorkian, 58, of Garden Grove, California, and Richard G. Campbell, 63, a flight engineer from Ridgefield, Connecticut, were identified by medical examiners.

Speaking about the piece of roof, Robert Francis, the vice-chairman of the US National Transportation Safety Board, said: "It is a pretty graphic piece of evidence as to what happens to an aircraft when it crashes like this, wires dangling off, seats attached, pieces of galley, a coffee pot."

He emphasised the importance to crash investigators of the discovery of the cockpit, which appears to have been blown away from the rest of the aircraft. The gauges and switches may indicate what the pilots were doing at the time. Investigators are trying to get wreckage to shore as quickly as possible before evidence is corroded. The Navy's most senior diver inspected the cockpit at the weekend to see how it could best be raised.

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Iran defies US sanctions over Saudi bomb

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAN dismissed as another propaganda ploy the latest "monotonous" American accusation that Tehran supports terrorism, and said it was confident of surviving punitive sanctions legislation due to be signed today by President Clinton.

The war of words erupted after William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, said Iran was a prime suspect in the lorry bombing in June that killed 19 American servicemen in Saudi Arabia, where British, American and French troops were yesterday on alert for an imminent terror attack.

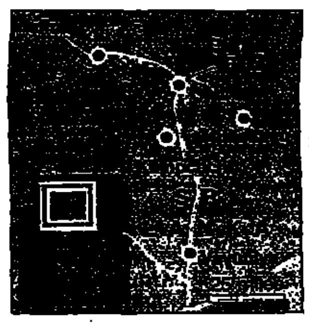
At the weekend Iranian leaders denounced Mr Perry's remarks as "irresponsible" and the English-language *Iran News*, a paper close to the Foreign Ministry, said yesterday: "If the US can present documentation in support of its accusations, it should do so or shut up."

Washington has vowed to take action against any country proved to have been involved in the attack. Mr Perry, under pressure from the White House, later backtracked, insisting that his comments did not mean imminent action against Iran.

His clarification did little to allay Tehran fears of a military strike. Iranian officials and businessmen speculated that targets could include Iran's unfinished nuclear reactor at Bushehr, oil facilities or a network of camps that Washington alleges are used to train foreign terrorists.

"I'm rethinking my plans to go to Tehran at the end of the month," said a prominent expatriate Iranian businessman who did not want to be named. Of less concern, he said, was the new sanctions Bill that penalises non-American firms investing $40 million (£26 million) or more a year in oil and gas projects in Iran and Libya — states that Washington accuses of sponsoring terrorism.

Tehran, encouraged by strident European and Russian opposition, said American sanctions had so far succeeded only in hurting US companies that have lost business to European competitors.



Sri Lanka refugees flee army onslaught

FROM REUTER IN COLOMBO

SRI LANKAN authorities in the frontline town of Vavuniya are preparing for an influx of refugees fleeing an army offensive against Tamil Tiger rebels, military and aid officials said yesterday.

"We estimate almost 200,000 people have been displaced by the latest fighting," an aid official said. "We expect some of them to come to army-held areas and we are planning to send food to the others [in rebel-held areas] today."

Schools in and around Vavuniya, 138 miles north of Colombo, the capital, were being prepared to accommodate the refugees. Most were hiding in the jungle to avoid troops advancing from the northern Jaffna peninsula towards rebel-held Kilinochchi, 44 miles north of Vavuniya.

Civilians and aid workers have reported heavy shelling by the Army, whose advance has been stalled for the past week just outside Kilinochchi. Most of the town's 150,000 people have fled. At least 11 soldiers and 60 Tamil Tigers were killed in yesterday's fighting.

Britons complete record charity flight in Africa

FROM MARK HUBAND IN TANGIER

THREE young Britons flew out of Africa, bronzed, smiling and a little thinner yesterday after a record-breaking 18,000-mile flight around every corner of the continent's coastline to raise money for wildlife.

Piloting their own Cessna U206A, Lord Edward Manners, Johnny Beveridge and Dan Stephens completed what they believe was the first circumnavigation of the continent's coastline in a single-engine aircraft. They touched down in the north Moroccan port city of Tangier three months after leaving it behind at the start of their journey.

Lord Edward, 30, the son of the Duke of Rutland and a marketing consultant with British Airways, emerged beaming at Tangier airport despite still recovering from malaria.

The cabin of the three men's modified Cessna was packed with communications equipment for the trip to relay up-to-date accounts of their three-month journey, and an additional fuel tank so they could fly non-stop for up to 14 hours.

In Ghana the team visited the first of five wildlife conservation projects, a zoo in Accra, recommended by the London Zoological Society as a potential recipient of some of the £130,000 they hope to raise for their Pan-African Conservation Trust (Pact).

By publicising the journey and the projects they visited, the three hope to raise money from individual and corporate sponsors, channelling donations over five years to conservationists whose strategy is to harmonise the needs of local populations with those of the species in need of protection.

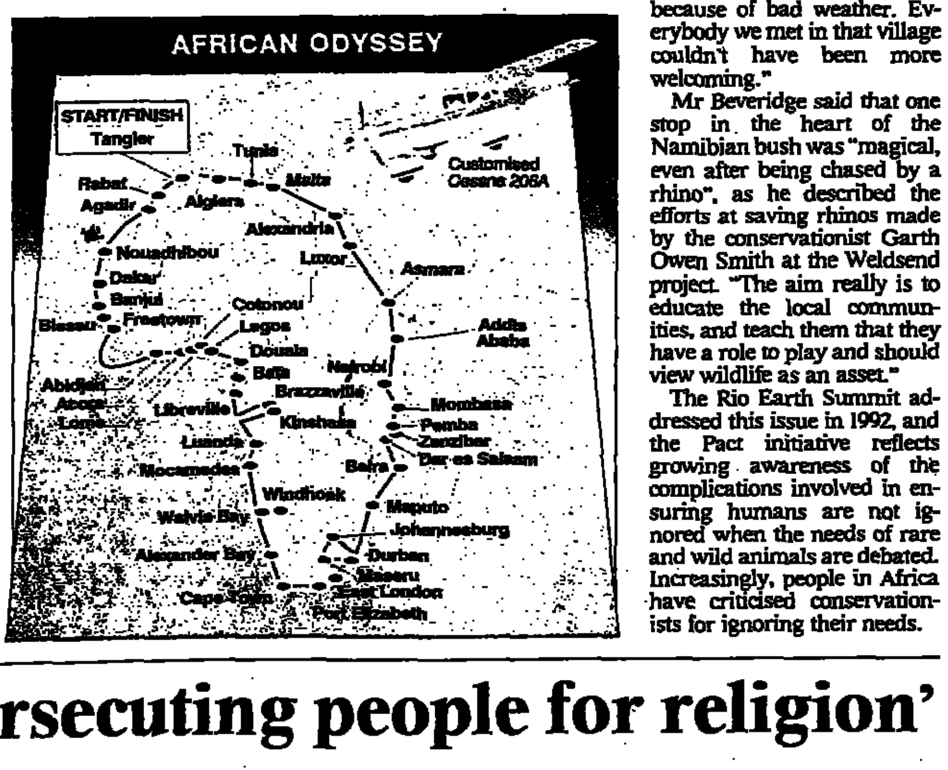
Avoiding the war zones, the three men's self-financed £25,000 trip gave them a glimpse of parts of the continent only accessible by aircraft.

"I was surprised by the happiness that I saw," said Dan Stephens, a photographer and first-time visitor to Africa, who has spent the past few years working for *Tatler*. "I was sort of expecting everybody to be hungry and ill. But I was cheered by what I saw. I don't think I ever saw a child crying, not in the way you see them crying in England."

"We found the real joy was going to villages," said Johnny Beveridge, a 31-year-old New York-based banker who is vice-president of Salomon Brothers. "I'll never forget Arba Mintch in Ethiopia, a tiny place we had to land in because of bad weather. Everybody we met in that village couldn't have been more welcoming."

Mr Beveridge said that one stop in the heart of the Namibian bush was "magical, even after being chased by a rhino", as he described the efforts at saving rhinos made by the conservationist Garth Owen Smith at the Weldsend project. "The aim really is to educate the local communities, and teach them that they have a role to play and should view wildlife as an asset."

The Rio Earth Summit addressed this issue in 1992, and the Pact initiative reflects growing awareness of the complications involved in ensuring humans are not ignored when the needs of rare and wild animals are debated. Increasingly, people in Africa have criticised conservationists for ignoring their needs.



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Air crash kills Danish admiral

Copenhagen: Admiral Hans Jorgen Garde, Denmark's chief of defence, and eight other people were killed when a Royal Danish Air Force plane crashed into a cliff as it tried to land in poor visibility in the Faroe Islands (Christopher Follett writes).

A witness said that the twin-engined Gulfstream III began to shudder as it approached an airstrip on the western tip of the islands, then turned upside-down before hitting the cliffs. There were no survivors among a military delegation who were returning from Greenland and Iceland.

Blackout costs Malaysia dear

Kuala Lumpur: A 15-hour blackout across peninsular Malaysia at the weekend was a huge embarrassment and must not be allowed to recur, Anwar Ibrahim, the Deputy Prime Minister, said. A power failure at the Paka plant in Terengganu state triggered the blackout of many other plants. Asked about financial losses caused by the failure, Mr Anwar said: "They are certainly huge. It is very unfortunate." *(Reuter)*

New Zealand to shoot wild horses

Wellington: New Zealand's Conservation Department is expected to start shooting the first of up to 1,000 Kaimanawa wild horses today or tomorrow, despite widespread protests (Jo Andrews writes). The Government says that the horses, partly descended from Exmoor and Welsh mountain ponies released last century, are an introduced species and are destroying native plants.

Real-life 'Kojak' dies at 82

New York: The policeman whose genial manner, use of common courtesies and keen sense of justice inspired the television cop *Kojak* — played on screen by Telly Savalas — has died, aged 82 (Quentin Letts writes). Thomas Cavanagah was a mainstay of Manhattan's 23rd precinct during the 1960s and 1970s.

Indonesia's democracy leader faces political duel with police

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN JAKARTA

INDONESIA'S pro-democracy leader is expected to defy a police summons today to explain in person why she organised public meetings criticising high-level corruption and nepotism.

This would further antagonise the military-dominated Government, which is determined to crush the first serious challenge in 30 years to President Suharto's virtual one-man rule.

Megawati Sukarnoputri, 49, spent the weekend at home in the southern Jakarta suburbs with her lawyers, preparing answers to a battery of anticipated questions and planning her legal strategy. The summons requires her to attend police headquarters at 10am today. Her lawyers insisted last night that legal aspects of the document must be clarified first. "She will not appear," a family member said. This amounts to a plan designed to defy the Government without openly confronting it. Miss Megawati has decided against a high-profile pro-democracy campaign, which could justify even more aggressive measures against her movement.

She intends to submit herself to early police questioning, perhaps this week, but not without being seen to be difficult about it. She will tell her interrogators that her objective is not to overthrow the Government, but to make it more accountable and less corrupt.

The police summons had to be authorised by President Suharto, because Miss Megawati is a member of parliament. She believes her subtle approach will be more difficult for the Government to counter than a confrontational "people power" movement of the kind launched by Corazon Aquino in the Philippines.

Miss Megawati's lawyers said the summons declared that she was being called as a witness to allegations of slander made against President Suharto at her "democracy forum," as six weeks of daily public protest meetings outside her headquarters were known. Police also plan to ask what role she played in the Jakarta riots nine days ago.

The Government's heavy-handed response to her low-key challenge has been a gift. Barely two months after making its first appearance, the campaign is firmly established in Jakarta and some other urban centres. The countryside, where political activity is banned on the grounds that the rural masses should not be politicised, remains largely unaware of the emergent urban turmoil.

China 'persecuting people for religion'

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN HONG KONG

AMNESTY International claimed yesterday that religious groups in China were being restricted again and individuals persecuted. Strict official rules on religion had led to arbitrary detention of believers peacefully exercising their rights to worship, the human rights organisation said, urging Chinese authorities to ease persecution.

"The implementation of national and local regulations on religious activities in China results in some areas in severe restrictions on peaceful religious activities and in the persecution of members of religious groups," Amnesty noted.

Analysts said that one of the more significant side-effects of reform since early 1979 has been a revival of religious practice of Buddhist and Taoist beliefs, which are again being expressed publicly. Islam and Christianity were also flourishing, with Protestant evangelism being carried on with particular fervour in some areas.

China formally recognises five religious groups — Buddhism, Taoism (an old indigenous philosophy faith), Islam, Catholicism and Protestantism.

However, many believers belong to groups not recognised. Diplomats note that all religious groups must still register with the Government and that the security authorities regularly carry out surveillance of religious activities.

The Amnesty report, released yesterday, said members of unregistered groups were harassed and detained, and their leaders sometimes jailed.

This year there have been numerous announcements of moves against "religious extremism" in the mainly Muslim Xinjiang province and in Tibet, where a campaign against support for the exiled Dalai Lama has been pursued strenuously.

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Day one of a new series which examines the mysterious world of consciousness — and

What gives us our sense of self?

THINKING is a kind of miracle: but being aware that we are thinking is even more miraculous, and remains the central mystery of human existence. Philosophers have argued for thousands of years about the nature of consciousness, its location and its mode of action, but in the past two decades scientists have also waded in, with stimulating consequences.

Even defining what we mean by consciousness is not very easy. At one level, it simply means being awake, rather than asleep, or drugged. But the more profound meaning is that of self-awareness — "the perception of what passes in a man's own mind" as the philosopher Locke put it. This seems so different from ordinary thought that the philosophical tradition has been to separate mind — the seat of consciousness — from brain, the centre of calculation. This dualist perception, championed by Descartes, still survives though it impresses few neuroscientists. What they mostly believe was described by Francis Crick in his book *The Astonishing Hypothesis*. Everything that goes on in our heads, our joys and sorrows, our memories and ambitions, our sense of personal identity and free will, is in fact no more than the behaviour of a vast assembly of nerve cells, he asserted.

MIND WATCHING

According to this view, consciousness and the mind are a by-product of complexity. As the human brain expanded, and developed ever-richer neural connections, it one day passed the point at which it became aware of itself. If so, there is no reason in principle why we should not one day develop conscious computers — though it isn't imminent.

The argument explains why it is that man, with the biggest brain in the animal kingdom, has developed the richest inner life. Animal rights activists notwithstanding, the human brain is orders of magnitude more powerful than that of any other creature, though size is clearly not the only criterion. Neanderthal Man had a brain as large as *Homo sapiens*, but never developed language or culture.

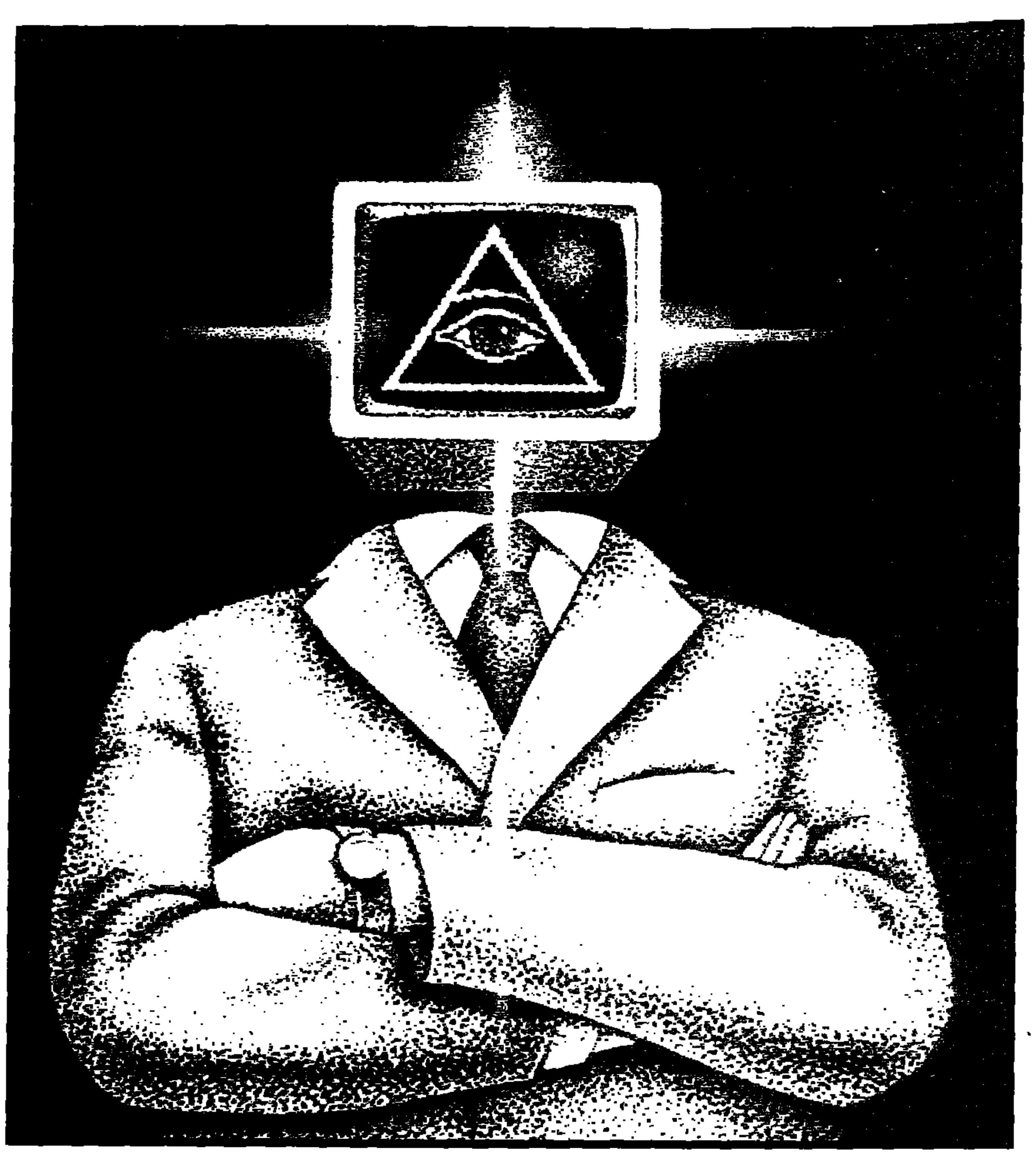
The past few years have seen a rush of attempts to explain the nature of consciousness in scientific terms. Daniel Dennett's *Consciousness Explained* ("a rather premature title, don't you think?" said Professor Crick) has been followed by a more modest volume by Dennett, more cautiously entitled *Kinds of Minds: towards an understanding of consciousness*. This book and another recent contribution are discussed below.

Given the enormous ignorance about how the brain functions, it may seem presumptuous to address the even more mysterious world of consciousness, and that indeed is how some scientists feel. Stuart Sutherland, in *The International Dictionary of Psychology*, declares that consciousness is a fascinating but elusive phenomenon. "It is impossible to specify what it is, what it does, or how it evolved. Nothing worth reading has been written about it." So deep is the ignorance that even raising the subject in a scientific audience used to raise eyebrows, suggesting that you had gone soft in the head. At best, many claims about the nature of consciousness are little better than arm-waving: at worst, they wander into the world of New Age philosophy and mysticism. In between are theories that sound pretty wild but are put forward by very serious people, such as the mathematician Sir Roger Penrose, that consciousness is generated by quantum events in tiny sections of the brain cells called microtubules.

There is a danger, recognised by Crick, that expectations have been raised too far. "Unless we are careful," he told *The Times Higher Education Supplement* in a recent interview, "results will trickle out slowly and in a few years' time consciousness will become unfashionable again."

Others disagree, as the flood of books makes plain. After years of neglect it is clear that consciousness is on the scientific agenda. But understanding may have to wait a while.

NIGEL HAWKES



You could be a machine

THE SCIENCE OF SELF

It has been described as the most profound mystery of our time. Some say it will never be solved: others argue that it will eventually be laid bare by the astonishing pace of scientific advancement. Whatever the current thinking, there has never been a more exhilarating period in the debate about consciousness.

By a fortunate coincidence, two important books on the conscious mind appear this month. Penned by two of the best-known names in the field, who also happen to be intellectual adversaries, they offer contradicting views on the origin of our inner souls. Together, *Kinds of Minds* by Daniel Dennett, and *The Conscious Mind*, by David Chalmers, reveal inside views of science's most fashionable and controversial question: what is consciousness and where does it come from?

In *Kinds of Minds*, Dennett embraces neuroscience as a major player in the explanation of consciousness. His position at the renowned Tufts University, Massachusetts, enables him to fuse the best that science and philosophy can offer — he is director of the university's Centre for Cognitive Studies, and Distinguished Arts and Sciences Professor. He is of the opinion that there is nothing special or magic or deep about consciousness. It is stitched into the fabric of the brain.

Dennett argues that solving the easy problems about what physically goes on in the brain will cause the so-called hard problem of consciousness — how we feel and think and experience things — to vanish. "The genuine hard problem is getting others to see that the easy problems are the *only* problems," Dennett says.

Although he admits that the notion is seductive, Dennett thinks it is wrong to consider consciousness as a single, autonomous entity. It is the sum of many abilities, or "competencies". He says: "One competency is our ability to discriminate between many different situations and environments, and to respond to them appropriately. Another is that we can report on our environment, so language is important. But another one is the capacity to be moved and feel emotion at certain events."

For him, there is no mysterious missing link between the physical goings-on in our grey matter, and subjective experience. Ultimately each of us is just a brain in a body, and the brain is merely a machine. Of all the drafts of reality this machine is churning out, consciousness is the dominant mental state at any one time.

Some might say that this is a rather depressing view of humanity, but an unsurprising one given Dennett's background in artificial intelligence. After all, what is there in his view which distinguishes your brain from a nifty arrangement of silicon chips? Startlingly, *nothing*. He believes that machines *can* be conscious.

Dennett cites a well-known thought experiment to support his case. First, he says, think of the billions of neurons firing away inside your brain, sending mental instructions scurrying to and fro in your head. Now imagine that, day by day, these neurons were replaced by tiny silicon chips. Each chip would be wired in an identical way to the neuron it replaced and perform the same physical function. At what stage would you no longer be conscious?

"It is preposterous to say there is a part of the brain that snuffs out consciousness. The only thing that stops us from doing this experiment is suitable technology," Dennett says. "After all, there is a treatment for deafness which replaces damaged nerves in the brain with circuitry, and we have no problem with that. And we accept artificial organs, like hearts and kidneys."

Taken to its logical conclusion, you could end up with a scalp full of silicon — in other words, *you could be a machine* — and still be conscious. Provided the chips allowed you to respond to your environment, describe your feelings and undergo emotional experiences, your new, metal brain would fulfil Dennett's description of consciousness. "People are offended by my view because, if consciousness can be reduced in this way, it means we are no longer special," he says.

According to Sir Roger Penrose, Professor of Mathematical Physics at Oxford University, Dennett's conviction that the problem is just about solved is too optimistic.

"I don't think it is simply a matter of saying that the brain is a computer. And I would disagree with his thought experiment, since I don't think that neurons are simply switches. All these thought experiments make huge false assumptions," he says.

Professor Francis Crick, the co-discoverer of the structure of DNA now studying consciousness at the Salk Institute, San Diego, thinks Dennett, in championing brain matter as the key, is closer to the answer than Chalmers's more philosophical view. Crick points out that some unusual neurological disorders, such as blindsight, may help us to find out how some actions can be carried out without consciousness.

People suffering blindsight have damage in their primary visual cortex, and are blind in part of the visual field. If something is placed in this blind spot, they say they cannot see it. However, if they are asked to point at it, they point correctly more often than not, suggesting they *can* see it but are not *conscious* of seeing it.

The explanation of this phenomenon, say neurologists, lies in the way the visual information is processed. The information appears to bypass the primary visual cortex but sneaks into a part of the brain which allows us to point at things. This, says Dennett, is partial proof that brain matter is sufficient for consciousness.

Crick draws an analogy that Dennett himself is fond of using. "In the early days, people thought there was a life force, but this belief disappeared once we knew the details. That is very much Dennett's attitude, but this argument is an analogy, not a proof. However, there may be something in his idea that the brain is constantly in flux.

"But we don't know how to define consciousness, any more than molecular biologists can really say what the word gene means."

Crick feels that philosophical debate will not advance human knowledge of consciousness much further: "New questions will develop as our knowledge develops. Philosophers can be useful because they are not as close to the subject as scientists, but that's as far as it goes.

"I feel that the real test of any consciousness theory is whether it suggests real experiments which we can do, not these thought experiments which philosophers get carried away with."

● Kinds of Minds, *Weidenfield and Nicolson, £11.99*

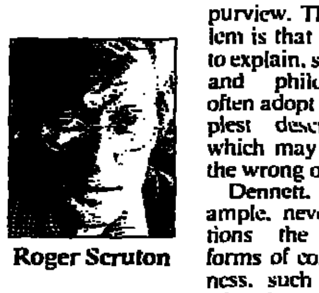
ANJANA AHUJA

The concept of 'I'

ROGER SCRUTON

"THERE ARE two things that might be meant by "consciousness": one's awareness of the world, and one's self-awareness. I tend to think Dennett's approach is right. Consciousness *is* a biological fact. The mystery comes with self-consciousness, I and the concept of I.

A computer could ultimately be conscious, but there is a difference between possessing information and having an awareness of what is involved in possessing it. To be aware of its own kind, and to have that desire to mould the world that animals have, it would have to be a very small, compact computer, and perhaps run around on four legs.



Roger Scruton

Dennett can say there is no mystery to consciousness, because his "consciousness" is seriously underdescribed. The main part of the mystery has been left out: the concept of self, and the self's understanding of its relation to the world. I am inclined to think self-consciousness can be explained, but it is more complicated than Dennett implies. The debate is unlikely to be fruitful because it is conducted by scientists using amateur philosophy, and philosophers using amateur science.

Of course the scientists will assume that consciousness can be explained. To say that it cannot be explained is to admit that it lies outside their purview. The problem is that in order to explain, scientists and philosophers often adopt the simplest descriptions, which may well be the wrong ones.

Dennett, for example, never mentions the higher forms of consciousness, such as our response to hearing a Beethoven quartet. A scientist can explain this in terms of physical sounds, and shocks reverberating around the central nervous system, but that misses the real meaning: the meaning of this for *me*, and its uncanny way of proving my "apartness" from physical reality."

● *Roger Scruton is Professor of Philosophy at Boston University, Massachusetts. Interview by Giles Coren*

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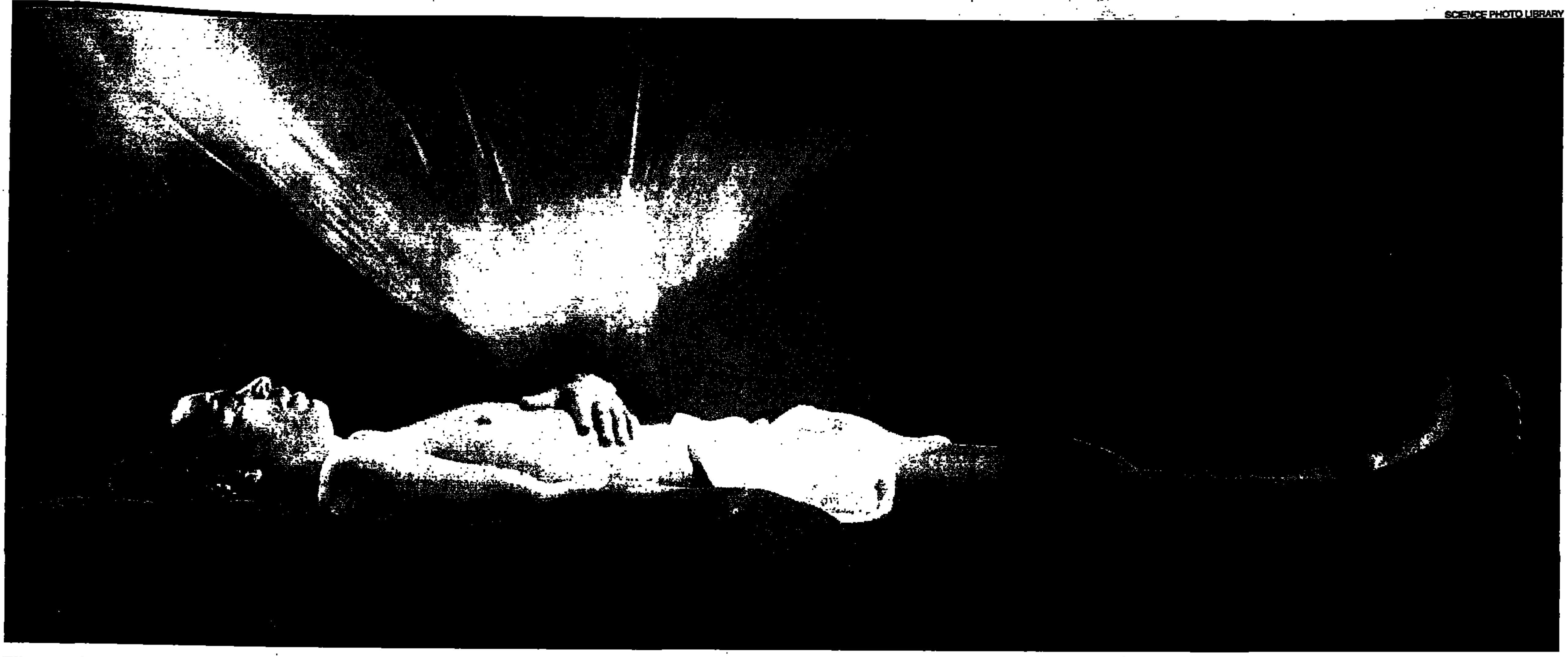
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Man's last mystery

THE PHILOSOPHY OF SELF

With his youthful looks and flowing locks, David Chalmers holds beliefs which are likewise at odds with Daniel Dennett's bespectacled image as an elder statesman of modern philosphy.

Chalmers has proved to be a popular but unorthodox newcomer to a privileged coterie of academics. Perhaps, admirers say, it is because he has been unafraid to stand up and confront what many regard as a total ignorance of the subject. Formerly a talented mathematician (he went to Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar in mathematics), he was inspired to switch disciplines while hitch-hiking across Europe.

"All of us have thought about consciousness at some time. I had always been fascinated by it, and spending a lot of time waiting at the roadside gave me the time to really think about it," he says. Now, at the impressively young age of 30, Australian-born Chalmers has risen to become Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

The Conscious Mind, his first book, is tellingly subtitled *In Search of a Fundamental Theory*. This is the backbone of his argument — that conscious experience is one of the absolute fundamentals of nature, rather like space and time. He calls it irreducible — defying description in terms of anything simpler. This uncompromising viewpoint has earned Chalmers a reputation as a hard-school philosopher, who believes that as far as a theory is concerned, consciousness is in a class of its own.

This has enraged the neuroscientists, who see no problem with brain cells (neurons) and biological processes giving rise to our sense of self. But Chalmers insists that, while he does not dispute Dennett's view that the roots of consciousness lie in the brain, neuroscience cannot reveal what gives you or me a sense of "me-ness". It fails to explain subjective experience, such as being stirred by a piece of classical music, or being moved by catching a whiff of a favourite perfume. These feelings are known collectively as *qualia*. The fact that all of us will experience and feel something when exposed to music and perfume — that there is somebody at home inside our heads — shows that conscious experience is not an illusion.

"I accept that there is a correlation between what happens in the brain and consciousness, but correlation is not an explanation," Chalmers says. "The brain theory doesn't say anything about the how and why of what goes on. I think there is an extra, irreducible ingredient, and this is a fundamental theory that connects the physical processes in the brain to consciousness." He suggests the missing link is an abstract he calls "information".

Although his theory is sketchy, Chalmers shows clearly where the Great Divide in the consciousness debate lies. He suggests that those who think consciousness can be explained by looking at the the nuts and bolts of the brain are tackling only the "easy problem". He believes there is more to consciousness than a physical, or materialistic, aspect. He thinks there is a deeper mystery — the "hard problem" — which continues to niggle. His view, essentially that we are made of both body and mind, makes him a modern-day Descartes, who first articulated that there was more to being human than being a bundle of matter.

The mystery to Chalmers is how the brain acts as an "experiencer". And, he says, this mystery is *so* deep that it really has nothing to do with neurons (brain cells) at all. "To say there isn't a hard problem is to deny that we have thoughts, feelings and experiences. You cannot explain something by saying it doesn't exist. It is unscientific."

Does music do more for us than simply fire our neurons?

The response by scientists has been reserved. Two of the most eminent figures in the field — Sir Roger Penrose, Professor of Mathematical Physics at Oxford University, and Francis Crick, the Nobel prizewinner and co-discoverer of the structure of DNA who is now based at the Salk Institute, San Diego — are united in thinking Chalmers has had more luck in knocking down old ideas than building new ones.

Sir Roger says: "Chalmers has had quite an impact as a philosopher, and he has written a good philosophy book. But as a scientific treatise on the origins of consciousness, one might think that there is not very much there."

He adds: "On the idea of splitting the problem into hard and easy parts, of course he's right. He doesn't actually *tackle* that fundamental ignorance but he is also right in thinking that understanding consciousness requires a major revolution in our view of the world, perhaps bigger than anything we have seen yet."

Professor Crick, who has just turned 80, is famed not only for his many contributions to science but also his stern attitude towards those who distract scientists from the real problem of consciousness (this includes philosophers and journalists). He sums it up thus: "Although philosophers can ask questions, they're not very good at providing the answers."

He is not completely anti-Chalmers: "I don't entirely agree with all the criticisms that have been levelled against him. You can't get away from the fact there *is* a hard problem. But I don't think it necessarily requires something radical.

"However, I don't think he has really made a positive contribution. Some of ideas are very sketchy and I am not very keen on thought experiments. However, his background as a mathematician makes him rather interesting to talk to."

How can Chalmers overcome such eminent scepticism? He is saved by his modesty. In chapter eight he writes: "The goal is not to set out a framework that will withstand close philosophical scrutiny: instead [my ideas] are put forward in the spirit of getting ideas onto the table."

● The Conscious Mind, *OUP, £18.99*.

ANJANA AHUJA

The feeling computer

IGOR ALEKSANDER

IS IT possible to build conscious machines? In my view the answer is yes — but they may not be conscious in the same way that humans are. They will be conscious in an artificial way, which tries to encompass the things which we constitute as consciousness.

The difficulties in the debate are caused because we have no real definition of consciousness. Subjective experiences such as mental imagery, desires and feelings are attributed to consciousness in humans because we have language — we say we are conscious because we can describe the feelings that we consider consciousness to be. For example, if I am talking to you on the telephone, you consider me to be conscious. But if I told you that I was a machine, you would remove that gift from me.

In the lab we make silicon chips which simulate functions of the brain on computer. Chalmers argues that even if we look in the head and see how neurons fire it will not explain the sensation of hearing music or smelling a rose. However, I believe that artificial systems could develop firing patterns of neurons which, if they could speak, would say "Yes, I sense the presence of Mozart" or "I am enjoying the smell of this rose" in the artifical domain.

Experiences, like feeling the beauty of a sunset, are built into the mechanisms by which we see; they are just the product of a more complex set of sensory processes. These are still caused by the firing of neurons in the brain.

Those who argue that there is a mystical gap between neurons firing and what we experience are expressing a belief conjured up by cultural fashions. They feel that consciousness is so important that it cannot be explained by science. But experiments will prove them wrong.

● *Professor Aleksander is head of neural systems engineering at Imperial College and author of* Impossible Minds: My Neurons, My Consciousness *(IC Press, September 12). Interview by Bridget Harrison*

In a sense, even the rocks breathe

RABBI LIONEL BLUE

THERE is too much of a distinction made between the consciousness of people and of animals and of inanimate things. I don't think there is a cast-iron distinction between live and dead matter, or at least the distinction is of degree, not of kind — there might be consciousness in a lump of rock. We concentrate on our own consciousness, but humanity will disappear before it understands even the consciousness of a goat.

Even rocks breathe, in a strange sort of way. It might well be our parochialism that leads us to think that we are so enormously different, that we have nothing in common with other things. Certainly, we are a very distinguished lot, but there may be others to whom our consciousness is of no more significance than that of a rock is to us.

If you ask what is the purpose of the universe, it is matter moving into consciousness. Whether that movement will be evolution or explosion, I don't know. A rock may be farther back than us, but it is part of this movement and will one day explode into consciousness itself.

Lionel Blue

This way of thinking would not sound radical in Eastern thought, where a continuum is acknowledged, where we and all other things are part of a bigger play. But we are interested only in the little bit of the universe that we know; we will never know how a beetle looks at us, or at the world. As soon as you get away from an idea of humans at the centre, you have a different view of everything.

Matter is only one stage on a journey to consciousness, which is the only part of the journey that I can discern — but there must be other states, beyond anything I can possibly know. That is why we feel a frisson when we hear a line of poetry . . .

And that frisson cannot be explained by electrical activity in the brain. There is electrical activity in a rock! A rock has *something* going on, too.

There are many levels of consciousness and we can't make these very firm classifications from our human standpoint, because from the standpoint of another form of consciousness, we are the same as rocks.

Reality can be explained in so many ways that do not exclude each other. Science has been the glory of our time but it does not, alone, explain.

Science can *describe* consciousness or reality, and use its information — but you would also need some glint of a hunch, or a spark from another level, to get the whole thing going.

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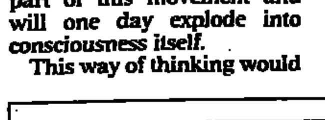

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The pursuit of human happiness

Do we have a pre-set level of contentment dependent neither on good news nor tragedy? Nigel Hawkes reports

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A long-term study of twins has added considerable weight to the proposition that a happy disposition can be passed down from parent to child

The textbooks of psychology are filled with descriptions of human misery. Depression, anxiety and alienation are the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion we spend our lives pursuing, gets scarcely a mention and, when it does, it tends to be dismissed rather airily. The psychiatrist Thomas Szasz declared: "Happiness is an imaginary condition, formerly attributed by the living to the dead, now usually attributed by adults to children, and by children to adults."

Yet when psychologists *do* study happiness, they find there is a lot more of it about than they suspected. Most people, in most circumstances, tend to be happy rather than sad. Even those who have least to be thankful for — the unemployed or the paraplegic — report that on balance their lives have more happiness in them than sorrow.

Faced with this some scientists now think human beings are "hard-wired" for happiness. The sentiment is built into our genes, probably because being happy and outgoing offers clear survival advantages over being morose.

The American psychologist Ed Diener, of the University of Illinois, has made a long study of happiness, or "subjective wellbeing" as social scientists prefer to call it. He argues that it makes evolutionary sense for people to be happy because negative events and emotions that might pose a risk to survival will stand out more and grab our attention.

His belief has recently been given strong support by a study at the University of Minnesota, where a unique registry of twins has been used to measure the degree to which a happy disposition is inherited. The conclusion reached by David Lykken and Auke Tellegen, and published in a recent issue of *Psychological Science*, is that happiness is indeed heritable.

Psychologists measure wellbeing in a variety of ways. The simplest is to ask people to rate their own lives on a scale such as the "satisfaction with life" scale, which offers five different wellbeing levels to select, or the "delighted-terrible" scale which offers seven levels between the two extremes.

There is a risk, as Dr Diener acknowledges, that respondents who report themselves as happy are really miserable but in denial. That can be checked by getting responses from family members, or by asking people to recall on any given day whether they had more positive than negative experiences. A more sophisticated method is to provide respondents with bleepers, and ask them to record their mood every time the bleeper goes off. In this way, mood can be sampled at random intervals during the day.

Whatever the method, however, the results are broadly the same. American students given the bleepers reported they were happy 80 per cent of the time. Measurements on a ten-point scale consistently record scores in the sevens for Americans. The Japanese and French, measured on the same scale, register in the sixes, though the British are more cheerul, rating 7.5 in a survey carried out in the 1980s.

This study, which covered 24 nations, showed that happiness is only loosely linked to wealth. True, wealthy countries such as Switzerland appeared happy, but so did the Irish, at the other end of the income scale. Only the Portuguese appeared truly gloomy. Dr Diener believes that above a certain minimum level of wealth, happiness is not greatly dependent on money.

More striking, perhaps, is the finding that people one would expect to be miserable are in fact as happy as the rest of us. Dr Diener asked a group of working adults and a group of psychology students whether they thought unemployed men were unhappy. All the adults and 95 per cent of the students guessed that they were. Yet when the unemployed were asked the same question, they emerged as only marginally less happy than the rest of us.

The same is true of great wealth; in one survey people on *Forbes*'s list of wealthiest Americans reported only slightly greater happiness than the average American.

> 'Only the Portuguese appeared truly gloomy'

Yet it is clear that some people are happier than others. Dr Lykken argues that although people adapt surprisingly quickly to news both good or bad, returning fairly quickly to their normal level of happiness, that level varies from individual to individual. Using the twin registry at Minnesota, he and Dr Tellegen have attempted to tease out the reasons.

They gave a questionnaire to 2,310 of the twins, finding that most of the respondents were pretty content. Education levels, socio-economic status and even marriage accounted for very little of the variance in wellbeing between the individuals. Nor did religious belief: "Religious conversion or being 'born again' is said to be a joyful experience," they report, "but its effect on mood may not be more lasting than being promoted or winning the lottery."

They used data from a group of twins who had taken the happiness test when they were 20, and again when they were 30. They compared the score of one twin at 20 with the other at 30, and vice-versa — a "cross-twin, cross-time" analysis.

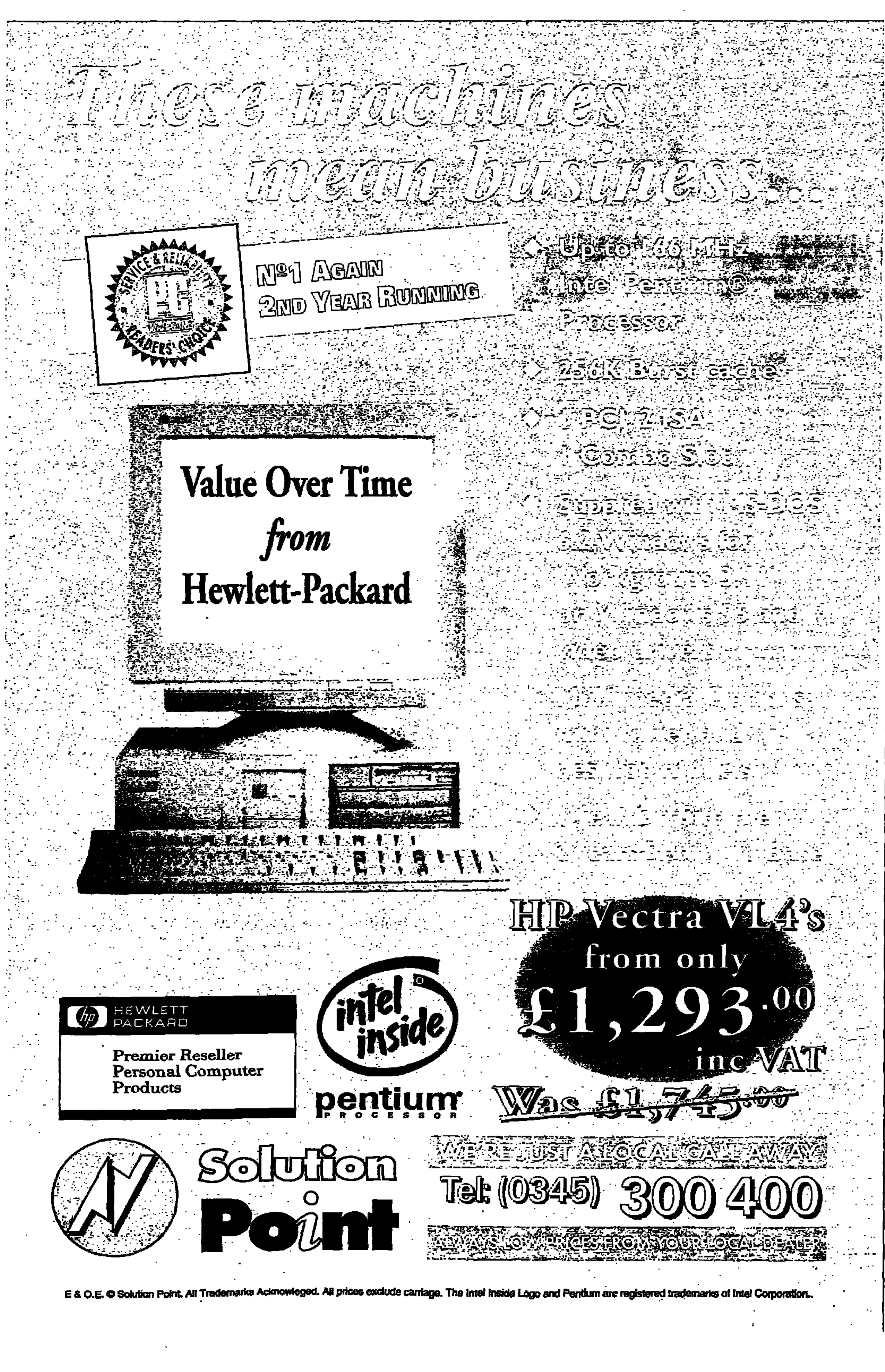
For identical twins, who share the same genes, they found that an individual's score correlated with their twin's score after this interval about 80 per cent as strongly as it did with their own score after the same time. For non-identical twins, the correlation was essentially zero.

This means that at least a part of the variation in happiness between individuals is heritable. Dr Lykken believes that this "stable" element accounts for half the variation in happiness — a far greater amount than can be accounted for by variation in individual circumstances.

"No one doubts that making the team, being promoted at work or winning the lottery tends to bring about an increment in happiness," they write, "just as flunking out, being laid off, or a disastrous investment would be likely to diminish one's sense of wellbeing. But the effects of these events appear to be temporary fluctuations about a stable temperamental set-point. The reported wellbeing of one's identical twin, either now or ten years earlier, is a far better predictor of one's own self-rated happiness than is one's own educational achievement, income, or status."

While it is good news that most people are happy, the very stability of the emotion does pose problems for treating those who are not. "It may be that permanently raising wellbeing above a certain set-point is quite difficult," Dr Diener says. But he still believes that providing help to such people will be easier if we understand what it is that allows most people to be happy.

And the answer to that, he implies, is setting goals that are only slightly above reality — something that chronically gloomy people may be unable to do. "Satisfaction is less a matter of getting what you want than wanting what you have," he remarks.



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'Naked DNA' holds the key to a new TB jab

Vaccine unveiled

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Nigel Hawkes

TWO hundred years ago, Edward Jenner made the first successful vaccination against smallpox. He had a hunch it might work, though no real idea why. Now history is repeating itself.

Scientists in Britain and America are pioneering a new form of vaccination, in which "naked DNA" is injected into the muscle. On the face of it, the idea is as implausible as Jenner's, but like his it seems to work.

Dr Douglas Lowrie and colleagues from the National Institute for Medical Research im Mill Hill have shown that mice can be protected against TB by injecting them with a vaccine made from naked DNA. The results are as good as the existing vaccine, called BCG and originally introduced in 1908.

The DNA actually comes from the agent that causes leprosy, a mycobacterium which is closely related to the one responsible for TB. The team isolated the length of DNA the leprosy bacterium uses to make a protein called hsp65, and injected it directly into the muscles of the mice. They did so without any of the elaborate "vectors" used to carry genes in gene therapy.

The muscle cells then began to manufacture hsp65, using the recipe carried by the DNA. The immune systems of the mice developed antibodies against this foreign substance, enabling them to recognise and fight off the TB agent which carries the same protein.

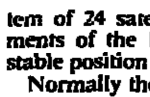
The team found equally good results could be achieved by injecting the DNA for another mycobacterial protein, and a team from Belgium and the US demonstrated the same for a third. All the results are published in *Nature Medicine*.

"Obviously we're still at the stage of research in mice and a safe and effective vaccine for humans could take years to develop," said Dr Lowrie. "However, this is a very promising start indeed and with TB on the increase any new leads in fighting the disease have to be welcome."

In the same issue of the journal, a third team from the Weizmann Institute in Israel, Stanford University and the University of California at San Francisco show that naked DNA can also protect mice against a disease that is the mouse equivalent of multiple sclerosis.

This suggests that DNA vaccines may have a big future in protecting against a range of diseases, but why the method works so well remains a a mystery. The Mill Hill team show that if the protein, rather than its gene, is injected it does not produce immunity. Possibly the gene works because it can produce low levels of the protein over a long period of time, teaching the immune system to recognise it effectively and mount a response.

Space Age calls on the Stone Age

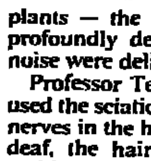


SCIENTISTS at Newcastle University have married the Stone Age to the Space Age to track the movements of the continents. Geoffrey Blewitt and colleagues use the Global Positioning System of 24 satellites to monitor the movements of the Earth's crust, but needed a stable position for their receiver.

Normally they would have used bedrock but their site had none. They could have put the receiver on top of a concrete pillar, but rejected the idea because concrete can shrink. They took inspiration instead from menhirs, Neolithic standing stones which have endured for 4,000 years.

From a block of carbonate rock they carved a flat-topped pyramid eight feet high, five feet across the base, and weighing 4.5 tons. They excavated a hole in the ground until they reached rock, and cemented their menhir to it. From the top, which is flush with the ground, they make measurements every 30 seconds, monitoring crustal movements to less than one millimetre.

How background noise helps the deaf



HERE'S a paradox: some weak signals are easier to pick up if there is some background noise. Now research at St George's Hospital Medical School has shown that cochlear implants — the electronic ears given to the profoundly deaf — would work better if noise were deliberately added to them.

Professor Ted Evans and Robert Morse used the sciatic nerves of toads to model the nerves in the human ear. In the profoundly deaf, the hair cells in the inner ear, or cochlea, which turn sound waves into electrical signals, are missing. They can be replaced by cochlear implants, which pick up sounds and turn them into signals fed to the nerve. The results aren't brilliant.

The researchers found that by adding noise to the electrical stimulus, the output to the nerve much more closely resembles normal hearing. "This is an exciting finding" says Professor Evans, "because it means that we may be able to improve the effectiveness of cochlear implants."

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After 400 years, the story of the real Martin Guerre

Ben Macintyre explains why the rascal who has fascinated authors and film-makers has lost none of his seductive power

The story of Martin Guerre, the most celebrated cuckold in French history, has so far inspired two novels, an operetta, a play, two musicals, a sound-and-light show, three films, an annual festival and more than 400 years of speculation.

In 1556 a man walked into the French village of Artigat, near Toulouse, and announced (falsely) that he was Martin Guerre, a local peasant landowner who had abandoned his beautiful young wife many years earlier.

The tale of the impostor who successfully establishes himself in another man's identity, home and marital bed, still has peculiar resonance, particularly in France, where adultery has traditionally been considered a sport for all.

Now the musical impresario Cameron Mackintosh's version of the tale at the Prince Edward Theatre has added yet another all-singing all-dancing element to a story that has long obsessed writers, dramatists and film-makers.

In the 1981 film *The Return of Martin Guerre* Gérard Depardieu portrayed the impostor, Arnaud du Thil as a cuddly and plausible peasant. In the American remake, *Sommersby*, Richard Gere and Jodie Foster gave the saga a new twist by setting it in post-Civil War Tennessee.

Most recently it was brought up to date in the award-winning French film *Le Bonheur est dans le Pré*, featuring no less an actor than the philosopher-footballer Eric Cantona. In this interpretation the Martin Guerre character turns out to be a vicious armed robber and his double a depressed toilet-brush manufacturer who finds himself impersonating another man.

But for all its many later incarnations, the true story of Martin Guerre, which has been pieced together from 16th-century sources by the historian Natalie Zemon Davies, remains more extraordinary than anything Hollywood or the West End could have devised.

The original Martin Guerre was, it appears, a far from ideal husband and his marriage to Bertrande de Rols got off to a tricky start: he was 14, she was ten; she was beautiful, he was impotent. Ten years later, Guerre abandoned Artigat and his wife, and went off to the wars.

Enter, some years later, Arnaud du Thil, a charming rascal with a prodigious memory and a fat stomach which earned him the nickname "Pansette", or beer belly. Arnaud resembled the missing man and had coached himself in the details of Guerre's past. He persuaded Bertrande to go along with the ruse, it seems, by the simple expedient of making her fall in love with him.

Martin Guerre, the musical

The fake Martin Guerre enjoyed his role, his "wife" and his newfound prosperity for three years until a dispute with Guerre's uncle led to rumours that he was an impostor (fuelled by the village shoemaker, who pointed out that his feet were smaller), and then to a bizarre court case.

Through two trials Arnaud brilliantly maintained his false identity, and would doubtless have got away with it completely if the real Martin Guerre had not stomped back onto the scene, now with the addition of a wooden leg.

Arnaud was convicted of fraud and adultery, hanged and then burnt in the village square. Bertrande, with admirable broadmindedness, once again became the wife of the real Martin Guerre, who had clearly overcome his earlier infirmity as he subsequently fathered two children.

At the time everyone fiercely debated the moral ambiguities of the case. At precisely what point did Bertrande realise she was better off with the charming fraud than her grumpy and departed husband? What kind of chutzpah made Arnaud think he could pull off his scam? Or did he originally plan to confuse Bertrande for just long enough to take the money?

The story can still touch chords of male and female fantasy. Few women, left in the lurch by a grim husband, would not be tempted to trade their virtue for a gallant impostor, while the seductive role of Arnaud du Thil is one that might cross the mind of even the most morally upright man.

Certainly at least one of the judges who sentenced Arnaud to hang felt a sneaking sympathy for him, tinged with envy. "It was truly a tragedy for this fine peasant," wrote Jean de Coras in his acount of the case, published in 1561.

But perhaps most importantly, the strange story casts a light on the institution of marriage both now and then, when revolutionary Protestant ideas where taking hold.

Had the Guerres lived in Reformed Geneva, as Ms Davies observes, they would never have been allowed to marry so young and a wife who was abandoned by her husband without "having given him any occasion or being in any way guilty", could obtain a divorce after a year.

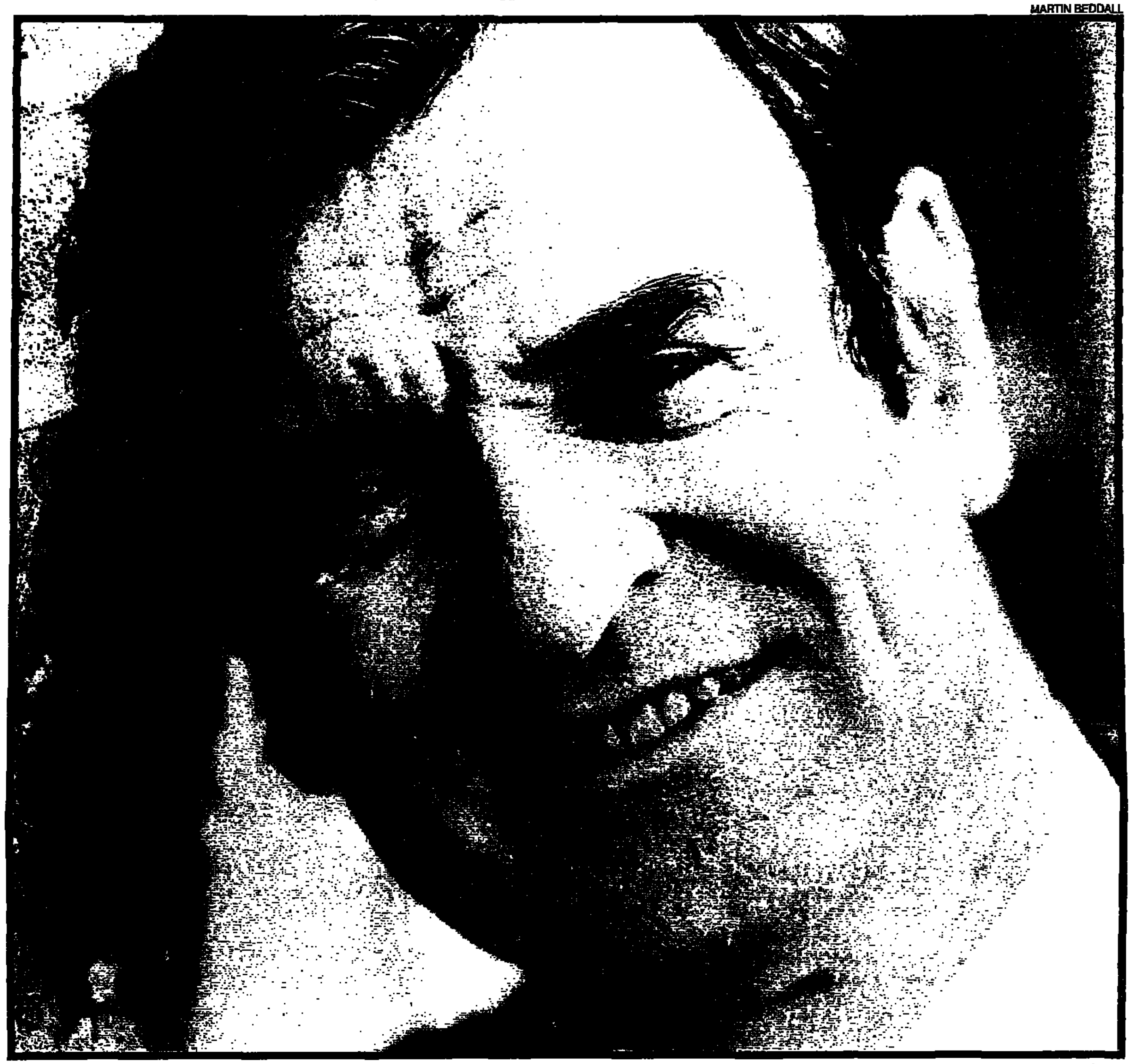
Over recent months France has had ample opportunity to ponder the nature of marriage after the revelation that the late President Mitterrand for years maintained a another, secret family, alongside his official one.

With Martin Guerre now on the British stage returning for yet another encore, Arnaud and Bertrande would surely be amazed to see how far their remarkable love affair, and its implications, have outlived them.

A grumpy psychiatrist in the chair

Anthony Clare explains why age has mellowed him. Interview by Mary Riddell

MARTIN BEDDALL


Anthony Clare says there is only a frail dividing line between many of his star guests and the damaged depressives who sit in his Dublin office

Anthony Clare wants to live until he is 80, and then stage a fast exit. Should such a neat demise not be on offer, he would consider other options. "I don't want to die too painfully. I'm terrible about pain.

"I don't go for all this romanticism about death, and I have a sneaking sympathy for euthanasia. In my case, the decision to swallow a bottle of pills would be on pragmatic rather than moral grounds. Would I have the nerve? Would I get it right?"

Lest gloom descend, we should record that Clare, the nation's favourite psychiatrist, is a sprightly 53 and as fit in wind, limb and mind as anyone could be, given an overnight drive from Kerry, a day of board meetings in Dublin and a residual doubt as to whether there is enough pizza in the freezer for the children's tea.

Besides, we are enjoying our ramble round suffering and mortality. "I'd stick needles in you, but I don't want you sticking them in me," Clare is saying cheerfully. This, one fears, may say less about his pain threshold than his attitude to interrogation.

As host of Radio 4's *In The Psychiatrist's Chair* he is adept at winkling out the true personalities and neuroses of his celebrity guests. His voice is mellifluous, his manner consoling, his method of baring souls as effortless as skinning satsumas.

Away from the studio Clare appears at first meeting a rather tetchy man. The telephone rings in his office at St Patrick's Hospital, Dublin, where he is medical director. "Professor Clare," he barks, and one cannot help noting his allegiance to his title. Anyway, the call appears to upset him. "He's not taking his medication? Why? He was before." For his interviewees as for his psychiatric patients, the prescription is similar. Swallow your medicine. It will do you good. You will feel so much better afterwards.

Tomorrow Professor Clare begins a new BBC2 television series, *The Seven Ages of Man*, in which five celebrity guests ponder the problems of growing old.

The title harks back to Shakespeare's definition of decrepitude ("sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything") in *As You Like It*. George Melly, subject of the first programme, does not like it at all. As he tells Clare, he mourns both the passing of youth and the fact that sex at 70 would be "very undignified and even repellent".

"George hates getting old," says Clare. "He described the stages he went through — heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual — and it's all faded now. There was some pathos." Molly Parkin, *au contraire*, embraces her bus-pass status. Hardly surprising since, as she tells Clare, the nadir of her youth was lying in an alcoholic stupor in a Smithfield gutter, being stepped over by the meat porters whom she had previously been pleasuring in the ladies' lavatory.

What is there in Clare to inspire such bizarre confidences? His training, certainly. There is, he says, only a frail dividing line between many of his star guests and the string of damaged depressives who sit in his Dublin office chair.

His own life comes across as pretty normal. His father, a Dublin lawyer, sounds a secure man; his mother, Mary Agnes, was a difficult and suspicious woman whose impenetrable neuroses helped to drive the young Anthony into psychiatry. Happily married, he has seven children aged between 12 and 30 — a result, he once claimed, of his lack of competence at contraception. Now he says his wife, Jane, was just very good at having children.

A comfortable existence, then, untainted by failure or tragedy. "No, there hasn't been much of that. I'm a voyeur. I live off other people's tragedies." But his best friend died of a heart attack at 50 and, three years ago, his young housekeeper flung herself to her death from a bridge a few days after being imprisoned by knife-wielding intruders at the Clare home. "That was a tragedy for her family. When I think of myself being scarred by tragedy — no, I've been very lucky."

And still there is about him a faintly gloomy air — something he ascribes to his mother's influence. "The bit of her that I inherited and have to keep in check is that I'm nothing like as optimistic as I might sound. I'm very suspicious and a trifle paranoid. People I interview often say: 'You'll be disappointed in me. I'm a happy person.' But I'm not only looking for psychopathology. I'm also looking for something to compensate for my mother's suspicion."

His wariness extends to interviewers. One particular piece about him had rankled, he said. It was actually anodyne, but Clare is a thin-skinned man unaccustomed to censure or to failure at anything, apart from politics. "I ran for a (Trinity) University seat on the Senate. I would have been useless. I was so relieved that I didn't win. Politicians are workaholics or poor depressed melancholic souls."

> 'Like my mother, I'm very suspicious and a trifle paranoid'

While Clare would never so describe himself, he is the most intense of men. Not a drinker or a golfer or a "doer", he has one prime release valve. "I offload a lot on my wife, and I'm not sure that's fair. Sometimes I'm difficult and irritable. I don't think I've handled tension as well as I might. It does get me down."

Much as he would deny any hint of a midlife crisis, and much as he worries that Jane sacrificed her talent to child-rearing, her changing status clearly affects him. "The children are growing up. She has more freedom, she's living it, and it's difficult for me. I think: 'Bugger, I've got to go home and do this and that, and she's not there.'

"People think men miss having someone to put out the shirts and do the meal, but it's an emotional thing; that she's there when I need her.

"At the moment she's in Kerry, and she wanted me to go down for the weekend. God knows why. After a week here and the drive down, I'm pretty grumpy when I arrive."

And perhaps that, in the end, partly explains why people tell their darkest secrets to Professor Clare. Neither saintly nor censorious, he is, at times, just like them. Cross, selfish, ambitious. All of those traits he will admit to, although he says the last one has gone with age. "To hell with building a CV. Ten years ago it was different."

But he does retain the same old longing to understand what makes people tick. "It's not that phoney American thing of rapport. It's finding out the psychological factors. If Adolf Hitler sat in your chair, or Frederick West, you'd have to understand them." Almost all his subjects submit, with the recent exception of Denis Healey, who offered a lot of Coleridge quotatons and clever remarks and little insight into his own feelings.

"He was one of the few really contented people I've met. I'm not so certain about the people round him. I'm sure Lady Healey would say he's a monster sometimes."

And how contented is Clare, whose series on ageing has forced him to confront his own mortality? He dislikes growing older, he says, but there are compensations. More freedoms. Fewer pressures. Thus, he counts himself a happy man. Though not, of course, completely.

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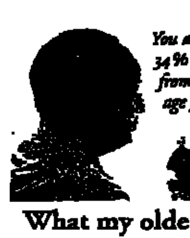

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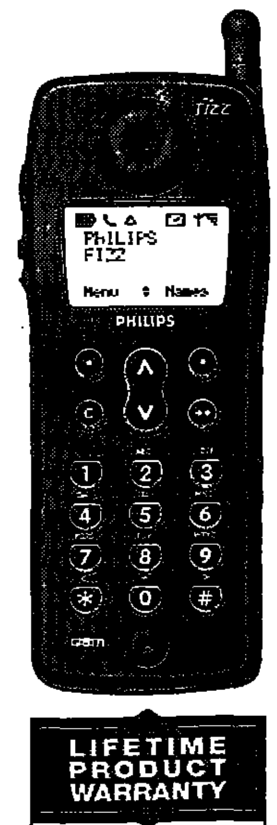

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VISUAL ART

A fascination with film links the six young artists in a new show at MOMA in Oxford

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THEATRE

At Chichester, Harriet Walter stars in a new production of Ibsen's landmark drama, *Hedda Gabler*

FIRST NIGHT: Tuesday
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POP

Patti Smith, the Seventies icon with a Nineties presence, is on the comeback trail at Shepherds Bush

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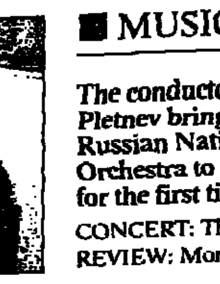

MUSIC

The conductor Mikhail Pletnev brings his Russian National Orchestra to the Proms for the first time

CONCERT: Thursday
REVIEW: Monday

Anthony Murphy on George Butterworth, the musical genius who died in the trenches 80 years ago today

Why age shall not wither an Oxford rebel

Eighty years ago today, the composer George Butterworth was killed in action outside the village of Pozières on the Western Front. He was 31. A lieutenant in the Durham Light Infantry and acting commander of his company, he had been put forward for the Military Cross after an act of gallantry. He was to be further recommended after his death, for heroism in constructing a vital trench in the front line. He had just escorted the divisional commander around the defences at dawn when he was shot dead by a sniper's bullet. It is a mark of his modesty that few of his fellow officers and men knew anything about his growing reputation as one of Britain's most promising composers.

Butterworth's friends were not surprised by the manner of his death. He had displayed leadership qualities early on, as Head of School at Aysgarth and as an outspoken and often maverick scholarship boy at Eton. A hero on the games field and a fearless debater at both Eton and Oxford, he proved a progressive and forceful president of the university's musical club.

Arriving at Trinity College in 1904, he had already enjoyed resounding success at Eton with his piece *Barcarolle*, and with a new composition, the *Quartette for Strings*, under his arm, he soon attracted attention among undergraduates. Within a year he was setting verses from Housman's *A Shropshire Lad* to music, although it is unclear whether any of this early material is included in his final song cycle: Butterworth was an inveterate reviser and many works were long in gestation.

Although he came from a middle-class London background, Butterworth was brought up in York, where he imbibed some of the gritty humour of the North. He was impatient of stuffiness and at Oxford soon gained the reputation of one prepared to take on the Establishment. Hugh Allen, then a leading music don, remarked of him and his friend R.O. Morris, also from York: "There goes more red revolution than in the whole of Russia."

Music had long possessed Butterworth, and the routine minutiae of academic work would always take second place. Furthering the aims of the English Folk-Song Society in preserving traditional music became almost an obsession and, to his father's dismay, he abandoned all thoughts of reading for the Bar.

> ❛ His teachers at the RCM did not know what to make of him ❜

After Oxford, he had brief spells as a music critic on *The Times* and a teacher at Radley before joining Morris for a desultory year at the Royal College of Music, where he had an uneasy time with his teachers, who did not know what to make of him. Then followed three years of sustained creativity and the output for which he is now best remembered.

The song cycle *A Shropshire Lad* ranks alongside the lieder of Schubert in its beauty and power. If the melodies owe their inspiration to English folk song, they are original and moving expressions of musical genius, sensitive to the poetic line and matching perfectly the mood of Housman's melancholy and prophetic verse. The piano accompaniment is a triumph of sensitive understatement.

The final song, *Is my team ploughing?*, with its dialogue between a dead man and his friend can hardly have been sung with more spine-tingling pathos than by Bryn Terfel in his recent recording. The first of the songs, *Loveliest of Trees*, with its beautiful falling phrase, became the main motif of the *Rhapsody for Orchestra: A Shropshire Lad*, which runs through the whole gamut of emotions in reflecting Housman's verse. Butterworth had already composed two lovely orchestral *Idylls* based on English folk tunes. A third Idyll, perhaps Butterworth's most famous piece, *The Banks of Green Willow*, inspired by two folk songs which had haunted him since his Oxford days, was first performed in March 1914, conducted by a youthful Adrian Boult.

Two further song cycles followed. The first, set to further poems from Housman's *A Shropshire Lad*, include *On the Idle Hill of Summer*, where Butterworth's piano accompaniment reaches unusually operatic proportions to dramatic effect. The second, *Love Blows as the Wind Blows*, is virtually unknown yet no less impressive. Consisting of four poems by W.E. Henley for baritone and string quartet, it has now thankfully been recorded in its original form by Martin Oxenham and the Bingham String Quartet. This music, perhaps more than any other, indicates the direction Butterworth might have taken had he lived. The final song, *On the way to Kew*, is a triumph.

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Butterworth (top hat, centre) at Eton. The scholarship boy became noted for his compositions while at the school

There are several more exquisite songs (*Requiescat* is a poignant memorial to his mother, who died in 1911), a collection of *Folk Songs from Sussex* with piano accompaniment, and some choral works, mainly arrangements from traditional carols.

Despite his success and growing reputation, Butterworth was intensely self-critical and often dissatisfied with his world. The war seemed to provide an outlet for his frustration. He joined up immediately with several friends, including Morris, although their initial decision to serve in the ranks was later revised and they accepted commissions in the same regiment.

Before he left for the Front, Butterworth went through all his music manuscripts, destroying those which did not meet his exacting standards. The rest he left in the care of Vaughan Williams, his friend.

Vaughan Williams felt Butterworth's loss most keenly of all those men lost in the war. It had been Butterworth who suggested that he write a symphony, and he dedicated the revision of *A London Symphony* to Butterworth's memory.

When Butterworth's old tutor at Eton, Robert Brooker, heard of his death on the Somme, he immediately wrote to the composer's father: "The boy lived his life as a medieval knight: *sans peur et sans reproche*." It was a fitting epitaph.

THEATRE

Where there's a whim

THE MOVIE of *Red Balloon* is buried so deep in the big round floppy disk I carry in my head that I cannot even be sure I saw it. But it is safe to say that Albert Lamorisse's screen original was less dependent on words and music than Anthony Clark's stage reworking and, I fear, rather better at communicating a whimsical magic than Clark's production. Much as we theatre fanatics may hate to admit it, the camera is capable of greater trickery and subtler effects when it comes to suggesting that a balloon has a mind of its own.

Nicky Adams's mop-headed Pascal lives in a curiously contradictory Paris. It appears to be perfectly safe to ask a passing stranger if he will walk you home beneath his umbrella but highly risky to go to school. The playground is packed with bullies in droopy shorts or 1950s dresses. Home is not a lot more fun for Pascal either, for his parents are a quarrelsome, mean-minded pair. Bring home a stray kitten, and what does Papa do? Why, sing "the cat's poohed on the carpet" and climax this piece of recitative by ordering Mama to throw the creature out.

So poor Pascal, an only child, has to look elsewhere for a cure for his chronic loneliness. Hence his growing friendship with a large red balloon that follows him around, wreaking salutory havoc. It biffs heads and bottoms. It places itself in provocative positions, then jumps away at the last moment, so that the school caretaker ends up punching his headmaster, a Kafkaesque figure in black, or knocking a blonde wig off the head of Pascal's form mistress.

The Red Balloon
Olivier

The children around me seemed amused enough by all this, and not particularly worried by the omnipresence of the balloon's puppeteer, a gentleman in black shirt and red braces wielding wires and wooden poles. Indeed, a little girl became inconsolable when the playground hoodlums struck Pascal's balloon with a catapult, and it slowly puffed out the last of its helium, finishing in a raggedy red blob on the ground. She at least had the imagination to meet the challenge.

Since the show was aimed at her rather than at me, it may not matter much that my imagination did less well. Though Adams's Pascal has a puckish charm, I never quite felt he had the same delighted rapport with his balloon as with his cat. I found myself more intrigued by what might be called the cultural anthropology of balloons as discovered by Lamorisse and now reported by Clark.

After all, what happens after the death of the red balloon? It is followed by a mourning ritual, in which relatives of every size and hue, mauve to orange, come to hover over the tiny corpse. Since they are conducted there by humans in multicoloured top hats and tails, the effect is more celebratory than sad. So much so that, on opening night, a large red balloon suddenly joined them, suggesting that reincarnation also has a place in dirigible religious beliefs.

What to conclude? Mark Vibrans's songs have a nice lilt: Clark has the skill to transform a few actors in mufti into a bustling street scene: but the show is too long. It may intermittently be seen, morning and afternoon matinees only, until the end of August.

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This year's Glyndebourne season has been memorable for many individual performances but above all for its off-centre repertory. Though a sector of the audience may still regard opera as something to endure for the sake of a sumptuous picnic, few will not have been stirred by works like *Theodora*, *Lulu* and *Ermione*, too risky for our national companies but presented here in stimulating succession. And though opening night of the *Ermione* revival on Friday attracted less attention than the new Handel and Berg productions, it was no less significant: the dramatic and musical force of the performance said much about the power of this neglected work.

Rossini called his opera "my little *Guillaume Tell* in Italian", a big claim. It failed at its 1819 Naples premiere and was not heard again until 1977, and it is only in the last decade that its strengths have been widely appreciated. Rossini may have written to formulae but he never sold out to convention: indeed, *Ermione* shows him pushing against it to conjure up the tug-of-love drama drawn from Euripides via Racine. There are few show-stopping numbers, but the musical portraits of the main characters are all penetrating. It is hard to imagine the dark, often striking score receiving stronger advocacy than from Andrew Davis here: he draws taut, theatrical playing from the London Philharmonic, which after a long spell in the pit now sounds like an opera orchestra in the best sense.

DONALD COOPER

Powerful presence: Anna Caterina Antonacci's Ermione

It is also hard to imagine a production better able to articulate *Ermione*'s opera seria gestures in a convincing, modern way. Graham Vick's staging, new last year and now revived by Malcolm Hunter, comes up fresh and focused. Richard Hudson's imaginative setting, an opera house-cum-classical palace at skewed angles to evoke skewed emotions, is again strongly lit.

But it is on the singers that any Rossini performance stands or falls, and this one stands. Anna Caterina Antonacci, who in various productions has made the title role her own, returns to lead the cast and sings in full-throated, vibrant voice. Her stage presence as the sex-obsessed anti-heroine is powerful, and she declaims her native Italian with relish. As her rival Andromaca, Diana Montague captures her grief and tragic plight in stylish mezzo singing. The tenor Paul Nilon portrays the lecherous ruler Pirro as a nauseating Nero-like character, and except in the high outbursts sings him smoothly too. Paul Austin Kelly's Oreste has musical poise. The tenor Justin Lavender (a refined Pilade) and Latvian bass Egils Silins (a virile-sounding Fenicio) make notable Glyndebourne debuts.

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HARD-CORE Handelians will have to wait until tonight to hear a full-length opera, *Semele*, but the appetite was whetted on Friday with the excerpts from *Julius Caesar* given by **Rene Jacobs** with the **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment**. Little idea of the work's dramatic sweep — let alone its emotional and psychological depths — can be given in five short sections. But one could at least hear two of Handel's most memorable numbers: Cleopatra's moving lament *Se pietà di me non senti*, with its doleful bassoon colouring, and Caesar's hunting aria *Va tacito e nascosto*.

Maria Bayo won most hearts with her affecting delivery of the former, but I found the liberties she took with her line — sliding and swooping for expressive effect — inappropriate. Andreas Scholl showed greater stylistic awareness as Caesar. His countertenor is a happy compromise between Anglican hoot and American sensuality, combining purity of tone with controlled passion.

These two were joined by three other stylish soloists — Susan Gritton, Jamie MacDougall and Peter Kooy — in Bach's *Magnificat*. Scholl's poignant *Esurientes* and the following *Suscepit Israel* for the two sopranos and countertenor were among the vocal highlights. The OAE's contribution was first-rate, special mention being deserved for Anthony Robson's plangent oboe d'amore and the exhilarating trumpets throughout.

Rhythms were buoyant and phrasing supple in Bach's Suite No 3 in D major. The idea of varying the repeats of the celebrated Air by giving them to solo strings was interesting but, in the cavernous space of the Albert Hall, of doubtful wisdom.

No doubt viewers of the forthcoming BBC 1 relay will fare better. The following night's Prom was also recorded for television, though the massed ranks of the **European Union Youth Orchestra** (some 90 string players alone) were never in danger of being inaudible. With 4,000 candidates annually to choose from, this orchestra represents the cream of youthful European talent. They work together for two periods each year and then embark on a concert tour, culminating, this time, with their Proms appearance. Such is the level of talent and concentration of activity that strangers from 15 countries of the EU can after a short time give the impression of a lifetime's acquaintance.

Under the baton of **Colin Davis**, the tricky opening bars of Strauss's *Don Juan* were tossed off with supreme ease. The only blot on an equally fresh performance of Elgar's *Enigma Variations* was the dreadful quality of the electronic organ piped through the speakers in the finale. But this was not enough to erase the memory of some of the most tenderly drawn character portraits ever heard in this work. In Sibelius's Second Symphony, Davis was discreetly proactive, pushing on just enough to let the music generate its own momentum. An authoritative interpretation, executed with superb technical assurance by these young players.

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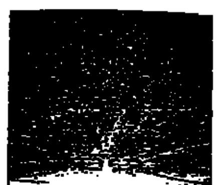

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ARTS
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY IN SECTION 2

POP: Oasis hit the big time with an open-air event in Scotland; plus, London gigs

Fireworks by the lake

Oasis
Loch Lomond

MIKE WILKINSON

Liam Gallagher commands the stage at Balloch Country Park on Saturday night, to the delight of the 40,000 fans

ALMOST exactly a year ago, many observers prematurely dismissed Oasis when they lost to Blur in a race for chart glory. Five million album sales later, however, Oasis are the biggest band in Britain.

To consolidate their swaggering supremacy, the band are hosting several gigantic open-air festivals this year despite releasing only one single. One of these two-day events took place over the weekend in a picturesque country park backing on to Loch Lomond, where a flotilla of small boats hugged the nearby shoreline while hordes of ticketless fans swarmed beyond the perimeter fence.

Despite the accidental death of a site crew worker, James Hunter, the day before, the atmosphere at Balloch Country Park was warm and celebratory. Part football match and part family day out, this diverse gathering proved just how deep a cultural impact the band have made.

Oasis are the first band for years to cater for the vast silent majority of rock fans who feel unmoved by fashion and alienated by dance music. Pillaging everything from mid-period Beatles to 1970s glam and punk, Oasis deliver a robustly conservative product without troublesome experimental trimmings.

And yet they are also a highly extraordinary phenomenon. Just 18 months ago, Oasis were playing venues smaller than their backstage guest area at Balloch. Their shows were electrifying one night, shambolic the next. But with a new regime of clean-living professionalism apparently prevailing in the band, they have clearly mastered the art of pacing and building a set, with virtually every song at Loch Lomond becoming a triumphant sing-along terrace chant. Oasis may not possess the great showmanship skills of Pulp's Jarvis Cocker, but they certainly strike a chord with the common people.

Impressively for a band at this level, they remain excitingly edgy. Although singer Liam Gallagher spent the entire show cocooned inside a designer duffel coat seemingly borrowed from David Bowie's androgynous alien in *The Man Who Fell To Earth*, he still kept 40,000 people riveted for two hours on Saturday night. Though his creative role is minimal, Liam actually lends Oasis almost all their glamour and danger, commanding the stage with a princely poise.

Mainly, though, Oasis is Noel Gallagher. Guitarist, songwriter and band leader, Noel's methodical orchestration of proceedings at Balloch became gradually apparent, culminating in him crooning creditable lead vocals on fluid soft-rocker *Acquiesce* and a barnstorming extended version of the band's recent No 1 hit, *Don't Look Back In Anger*.

To close the show, the wistful anthem *Champagne Supernova* got cigarette lighters swaying in the brisk Scottish night, then the customary reverential demolition of *I Am The Walrus* reminded everyone of the heights Oasis have set themselves. As a true champagne supernova of fireworks exploded over Loch Lomond, Gallagher's gang were already preparing their next triumphant move: record-breaking twin shows at Knebworth next weekend.

STEPHEN DALTON

In fame's frame

The Frames DC
Dublin Castle, NW1

THE FRAMES DC played the final night of their four-week residency at Camden Town's Dublin Castle on a Thursday that, for the first time in three weeks, was not disrupted by a Tube strike. Consequently they managed to draw a full house and generate a real atmosphere.

This Dublin-based five-piece originally attracted attention on the back of singer-guitarist Glen Hansard's role in Alan Parker's film adaptation of *The Commitments*, and their debut album, 1992's *Another Love Song*, was rather lost in the film's wake. Of course, in pop terms, four years is a lifetime, and the band have since rejigged their line-up, added DC to their name and relaunched themselves with a new album called *Fitzcarraldo*.

The small stage seemed to give them a harder, tighter sound, with Hansard clearly revelling in playing in such close contact to fellow guitarist David Odlum, bassist Graham Downey and drummer Paul Brennan. Songs such as the recent single, *Monument*, and *The Dancer* were shot through with blasts of full-on grunge, but the Frames DC also have a subtler side.

This was evident in the way that Colm MacConlomaire's fiddle managed to give even the heaviest songs a heavenly sweep and in the soulful way that Hansard sang *Giving It All Away* and *Red Chord*. At one point, they ran through the opening lines of the Smashing Pumpkins hit *Today*, which summed up where the Frames DC are coming from: a noisy rock band with a deep, acoustic heart.

They encored with the title track from their new album and, when Hansard spat out the lines "My ship was sold right up the river, but I'm not going down", they took on a particular resonance. Cynics might say that the music business only gives bands one chance, but Pulp and Ocean Colour Scene have proved that this is not always the case. The Frames DC are still in with a chance.

ANN SCANLON

Kula and cooler

Kula Shaker
Astoria, W1

"THIS is a big night for us," said Kula Shaker front-man Crispian Mills, "and for you — you're the ones who sent us here." Such an appreciative attitude was endearing. This young band has enjoyed a meteoric few months, thanks to a swiftly burgeoning fan base and one of the season's canniest cutting-edge singles, *Tattva*.

Introducing the minor hit that preceded it, *Grateful When You're Dead*, Mills described the tune as "the one that started it all for us" as though he were reminiscing about a far-off time before Kula Shaker became hot property. In fact, that single came out in May, and a year earlier the group barely existed in its current form.

Thus we were reminded how swiftly a young band can come to power, and already the fresh-faced Scottish support act, Octopus, were snapping at their heels with a set of considerable promise.

But are Kula Shaker equipped for the long haul? Their forthcoming debut album for Columbia, *K*, suggests considerable and diverse strengths, and these were reflected in a hard-working live performance. As long, that is, as the (few) over-30s in the audience overlooked the familiarity of many of the phrases in Kula Shaker's rock lexicon. Organ wizard Jay Darlington comes over as a Spencer Davis Group-era Steve Winwood — though there is little wrong with that — while Mills moves with the mop-top enthusiasm of a Monkee.

Thus while the style police decree that anyone playing under the influence of such prehistoric "progressives" as Traffic or early Fleetwood Mac should be sent to the critical coal-hole, Kula Shaker are delighting their young fans with just such intonations. Their flavouring of Indian influences is a welcome extra, even if the Beatles got there 30 years earlier and the meditative spirit of songs such as *Govinda* seemed not quite at home in the Charing Cross Road.

PAUL SEXTON

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96 William Christie conducts his own ensemble, Les Arts Florissants, who make their Proms' debut in a performance of **Semele**. Its sensuous music and sharp characterisation combine to make it one of the most popular and frequently staged of all Handel's dramatic oratorios. With Rosemary Joshua in the title role, Paul Groves as Jupiter, Kathleen Kuhlmann as Juno and Willard White as Somnus.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 6.30pm

KIDS OF THE WILD WEST On a day trip to Barnum's Theme Park, the Smith family is accidentally transported back in time to the Wild West. The New Shakespeare Company presents an adventure for children of all ages by David Conville and David Gooderson directed by Rachel Kavanaugh, with designs by Sophie Jones. Matinee performances will run alongside productions of *The Comedy of Errors*, *The Tempest* and *Paint Your Wagon*.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Opens today 2.30pm. Then August 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, at 2.30pm. August 10, 17, 24 at 11.15am

ELSEWHERE

BUXTON The third international **Gilbert and Sullivan Festival** opened in Philadelphia on July 20 and continues in Buxton until August 18. Among the many attractions are master classes and lectures, children's matinee performances and full-scale productions, with the Derby Gilbert and Sullivan Society giving a performance of *The Mikado* this evening at 7.30pm.
Opera House, Water Street (01298 72190 for information and booking)

EDINBURGH **Acker Bilk** celebrates 40 years in the jazz business, in concert with his Paramount Jazz Band and the American trumpeter Doc Cheatham.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (0131-668 2019). Tonight, 8pm

HARROGATE The leading period instrument orchestra, the **Academy of Ancient Music**, is joined by the American fortepianist Robert Levin in two Concertos by Mozart. Movements from Haydn's joyous *Bear Symphony* begin and end this evening's programme of classical masterpieces. The conductor is Christopher Hogwood.
Royal Hall (festival box office 01423 565 757). Tonight, 8pm

NEWCASTLE Gareth Tudor Price directs **Confusions**, Alan Ayckbourn's very funny collection of five short plays exposing the difficulties people have in communicating with each other. With Christopher Timothy and Nigel Pargetter.
Theatre Royal, 100 Grey Street (0191-232 2061). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

PLYMOUTH Clarke (*Five Guys Named Moe*) Peters continues his musical journey through the life and songs of Nat King Cole. After a successful West End run and a sell-out spring tour, **Unforgettable** is back on the road until October 5.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade Ⓢ (01752 267 222). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Next in **Hornchurch**, Queen's (01708 443 333), August 13-17, **Brighton**, Theatre Royal (01273 328 488), August 27-31

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◪ **BY JEEVES**: Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes, first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised.
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☐ **HEDDA GABLER**: A chance for London to see Alexandra Gilbreath's performance in Stephen Unwin's production for English Touring Theatre.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until Aug 31

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**: Peter Hall's acclaimed Haymarket production, with Diane Fletcher, David Rintoul, Nicky Henson, Kim Thomson, Googie Withers and John McCallum.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with David Ross as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Estelle Kohler as the pillars of society.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm

■ **JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN**: Paul Scofield, Vanessa Redgrave, Eileen Atkins and Michael Bryant, directed by Richard Eyre. A mighty cast for Ibsen's penultimate play, concerned with guilt, remorse and reconciliation.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; mat Thurs, 2.15pm. In rep Ⓢ

■ **THE LIGHTS**: Howard Korder's drama of a journey through the New York nightmare. Ends with the cast attacking the theatre, fittingly, because at the end of the run the interior will be rebuilt.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until August 31

☐ **THE MEMORY OF WATER**: Terry Johnson directs play by new author Shelagh Stephenson, set among the squabbles that follow a mother's funeral, though she still appears in the play. Cast includes Mary Jo Randle and Haydn Gwynne.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Last week

☐ **RICHARD III**: David Troughton plays the king as a psychopathic court jester in Steven Pimlott's arresting production, up from Stratford.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm. In rep

☐ **SALAD DAYS**: Julian Slade's tuneful musical, directed by Ned Sherrin. Nicola Fulljames and Simon Connolly play the young lovers in a company that also includes fun and the Widow.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm

☐ **TOMMY**: Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **VOYEURZ**: Loud, titillating and vacuous rock show, mostly about lesbians in New York.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Thurs, 8.45pm, Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9.15pm.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BLOOD SIMPLE (18): Welcome revival of the Coen brothers' debut feature, made in 1983; a film noir homage made with cold-blooded verve. With John Getz and Francis McDormand.
Gate (0171-727 4043) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

◆ **FLIPPER** (PG): A surly teenager unbends with a dolphin. Unimaginative family film, with Elijah Wood and Paul Hogan. Director, Alan Shapiro.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914 098) **Plaza** (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888 990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH** (U): Mistreated James finds his feet in a peach voyaging across the Atlantic. Excellent animated version of Roald Dahl's book. Director, Henry Selick.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **West End** (01426-915 574) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

LA REGLE DU JEU (PG): New print of Renoir's 1939 masterpiece, a wonderful portrait of French society. With Marcel Dalio and Nora Gregor.
Riverside Studios (0181-748 3354)

CURRENT

◆ **THE CABLE GUY** (12): Obnoxious comedy with Jim Carrey as a pathological cable television technician. Director, Ben Stiller.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888 990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

THE GODFATHER (18): Part one of Francis Ford Coppola's 1972 classic, a thriving portrait of a Mafia family. With Marlon Brando and Al Pacino.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742)

THE GODFATHER PART II (18): Majestic sequel to Coppola's *Mafia* epic, first released in 1974. With Al Pacino and Robert De Niro.
Lumiere (0171-836 0691)

◆ **KINGPIN** (12): Unfunny comedy about hustlers on the road, with Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid and Bill Murray. Directors, Peter and Bobby Farrelly.
ABC Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Odeons Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **MOONLIGHT AND VALENTINO** (15): Widow finds comfort with family, friends and a blond house painter. Decent romantic drama, with Elizabeth Perkins, Kathleen Turner, Jon Bon Jovi. Director, David Anspaugh.
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◆ **THE ROCK** (18): Belligerent action movie set on Alcatraz, with Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery and Ed Harris. Director, Michael Bay.
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◆ **THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS** (15): Pleasant romantic comedy about mistaken identity, with Janeane Garofalo, Uma Thurman and Ben Chaplin. Director, Michael Lehmann.
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■ Our Kilimanjaro correspondent reports on a grandad's brave ascent to the roof of Africa

My Chagga-speaking porter has nicknamed me "Machame babu". "Machame" is the challenging western route up Kilimanjaro we have just tackled. "Babu" means "grandfather".

I do not like this name. But my two younger companions, Dave the postman and Julian the Liberal Democrat, noted my fury and chanted "Babu" until all the porters took it up. Our guide, Joffrey, explained diplomatically that the Chagga use "grandad" not to denote age but to indicate affectionate respect — like "old chap". This does not impress me, but the name has stuck.

Well, Babu I may be, but I reached the top of the mountain. All of us did, even the Liberal Democrat. The postman, after a short fit of intense depression two-thirds of the way up, reached the crater floor striding ahead of us as though with an urgent special delivery. The Babu came third, plodding resolutely and breathing hard as the oxygen thinned.

I am one of life's secret plodders. You always get there, if you plod. It is the only way to tackle a 19,000ft mountain. Kilimanjaro is not a difficult climb — thousands achieve it, by the easier route, every year — but it is relentless and can be dispiriting if nausea and migraine attack you in the higher reaches. The key is to trudge forward, eyes on the ground before your feet.

The Machame route starts at some 5,000ft in the village of the same name. Leaving the flowering bushes, tin-roofed huts and banana trees behind, you soon enter deep rainforest in which the whole volcanic massif, some 40 miles in diameter, is skirted. Birds and monkeys call, your pass becomes a knee-deep trough of slimy, red mud, and the rain drips ceaselessly down.

Just below 9,000ft, the trees give way to giant, tree-high heather. Our first night was spent here. Joffrey and the porters set up tents and by some miracle — which was to recur whenever we stopped — produced a fire from the wet wood at our feet, sweet tea and far too much food from the boxes carried on their heads. We slept deeply.

On our second day, we climbed to 12,500ft, emerging into tundra as the heather shrank, the groundsel grew to 10ft, and the sun came out. Below us was a sea of cloud. The third day was spent acclimatising and exploring the great Shira Plateau, uninhabited except by civet cats and buffalo. On our fourth day we ascended to 16,000ft, at Arrow Glacier.

The tundra had given way to moonscape — a steep clinker-strewn desert of dust and outcropping lava. Just above us towered snowfields and glaciers, rock walls, scree and lava towers, reaching up 3,000ft to the crater's edge. It was steeper than 45 degrees. Our route lay straight up there. Perched on the edge, we looked out over hundreds of miles of the East African plains, too far below for us to discern anything but lakes and mountains. A glorious sunset, a miraculous meat-and-potato goulash, and five hours of freezing rest, huddled together in one tent, followed. Our resting heart-rates varied between 90 and 105. Here the porters left us. They continued round the mountain and met us on the other side on our way down.

After dark, the gush of water from melting glaciers ceases, as the air freezes and silence falls. At midnight, Joffrey and his assistant guide, Howard, woke us with tea and we dressed for the final ascent.

I wore oversize Doc Martens and home-made Tanzanian crampons, six pairs of socks, three pairs of trousers, two vests, two shirts, two jerseys and an old anorak. The others were more conventionally equipped.

We went straight up. It took seven hours. The scree was so unstable that for every 3ft up we slid 2ft down, but the ice was risky. If we'd slipped we might have tobogganed to perdition on the rocks below.

> From the crater's edge, we could see hundreds of miles of the African plains

Clinging to the edge of an icefield steeper than a rooftop, gasping in the thin, freezing air, with a half moon burnishing the mountains and lights twinkling from towns two miles below, where the inhabitants were all asleep, I had some sombre thoughts about the fragility of life — especially my own. The moon set. The sky was lit by so many stars that the canopy seemed not dark with points of light, but a silver and gold blanket strewn across with a thin black veil.

We made it. We made it to the rocks, and then to the top. We crawled over the edge of the Great West Breach, where a volcanic explosion blasted a gap out of the crater rim — and we lay panting. Dave was sick. Infinitely, laboriously, we then gasped at tortoise pace up the last 350ft of crater wall to Uhuru Peak. The sun had risen now. It was merciless. The sky was purple, the ice blinding, the view unreal.

Descending, we encountered Japanese and German fashion victims by the dozen, in matching purples and wrap-round shades, retching their way up the easier but gruelling Marangu (or "Coca-Cola") route. Everyone goes for the top. It's a pity because the lower slopes are more beautiful. You could have a marvellous time contouring at 15,000ft, aiming no higher...

On the other hand . . .

John Major called for decisiveness over Europe when he was a backbencher. Now he should give a lead

Seventeen years of indecision is enough

William Rees-Mogg

On Saturday, I was looking through some old papers and came across the issue of *The Times* for November 13, 1979. It takes one back close to the beginning of the period of Conservative government, 17 years ago. It is an important date in the history of *The Times*, for this was the first issue after the stoppage which had lasted since November 30 of the previous year. As I sat reading the paper, I was amazed by the number of stories which are still running. The lead story concerns the bad relations between the United States and Iran. The headline now seems old-fashioned: "Mr Carter cuts off Iranian oil imports". I do not think *The Times* continued for long to call American Presidents "Mr" in headlines; it reminds me of those pre-1939 news bulletins which referred to "Herr Hitler".

Yet the US-Iran dispute is still bubbling up under Mr Clinton.

It is, however, the British news which seems to be set in concrete; one wonders why we bother to produce different newspapers each day, when half the stories could be covered in standing type which would last for decades at a time. The English batsmen had collapsed; John Woodcock opened his report from Brisbane with the words: "As they usually do, England made hard work of batting here today."

They made 176 all out, with Geoffrey Boycott scoring 11 before being caught at first slip.

Many of the other home stories are equally familiar. The Chancellor makes a speech saying there will be "little room for tax cuts in the Budget". Lloyds names are disputing large claims for losses. There will be further delay to the building of the new British Library. Sadly, four men have been sentenced for the murder of Carl Bridgewater. In the letters, Lord Drogheda and Sir Claus Moser write of the need for improvements to the facilities of the Royal Opera House, "which are not only disgraceful but hopelessly inadequate" and asks for support for the Development Appeal. The King Edward Hospital Fund calls for the refitting of the old London hospitals.

Stands the Church clock at ten to three?
And is there honey still for tea?

It is rare for an ex-Editor to be able to claim a scoop 17 years after the event, yet I can reasonably claim that my choice of the lead letter to the Editor, for the first day of *The Times*'s return, has turned out to be one. The trouble is that no one has noticed it, or at least I had not, between that day and this. At first sight the letter does not look like a scoop at all. It is a mild Euro-sceptic argument of a kind which, like the English batting collapses, has been recurring ever since.

> Only with new and permanent financial arrangements, involving in particular the fundamental reform of the common agricultural policy, which will reduce the central budget as well as spread the visible net cost-benefit of membership far more equally than at present, can the EEC remain united and flourish . . . unless we can jointly work out the radical changes needed and put them speedily into effect the case for Britain staying inside becomes increasingly difficult to sustain.

This sounds very like David Heathcoat-Amory's resignation letter, though I do not think he used the word "speedily", which 17 years later has a certain charm of its own. The signatories of the letter included a table designed to show how little Britain could afford to make what was then the massive net contribution to the EEC budget of £88 per family of four. According to their figures, the gross domestic product per head of the member nations of the EEC showed that Denmark was top with 100, Germany had 92, Belgium 87, The Netherlands 84, France 83, the UK 53, Italy 46 and Ireland 37. At least in GDP per head, the United Kingdom has improved its position in the past 17 years.

It is the signatories, or rather one of them, who constitute the scoop. They were four young Conservative backbenchers, who had only entered Parliament at the 1979 election. They were Peter Lloyd, who later became an excellent junior minister at the Home Office and was unlucky not to reach the Cabinet heights of his Cambridge contemporaries; John Watson, who left Parliament in 1987; Tony Marlow, who is still a Euro-sceptic and indeed is still very much Tony Marlow; and John Major, whose career we have all followed with interest.

"Unless we can jointly work out the radical changes needed, and put them speedily into effect, the case for Britain staying inside becomes increasingly difficult to sustain." The young John Major was to that degree a Euro-sceptic. Of course the young Tony Blair was at least equally sceptical in the 1983 general election, when as a Labour candidate he was committed to Michael Foot's manifesto. Now John Major faces the same question in a somewhat different form. Will he include a commitment not to join the European single currency, at least for the next Parliament, in his general election manifesto? Can he fight the next election on the present proposition that the Government does not know whether it will enter the single currency or not, though if it decides to do so it will have a referendum on the policy? If he sticks to that wheezy compromise, has he any chance of winning the election?

Whoever wins the election will have to make the single currency choice in the early months of government, by the summer of 1997, if Britain is to enter in 1999. This is not therefore some remote hypothetical question about a decision which could conceivably arise in later years, but an immediate choice which has to be made. It is bound to become a central issue in the election campaign. A large majority of the newly adopted Conservative candidates would prefer a commitment in the manifesto not to join the single currency in the lifetime of the next Parliament. There is also a majority against joining among Conservative workers and among voters. The Labour Party is half committed to joining if it can, but is itself seized with an intolerable indecision. The Liberal Democrats are in favour of joining, though subject to a referendum. Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, which could take vital votes from the Conservatives in many constituencies, would be disarmed if John Major committed himself not to enter the single currency.

The strange thing is that John Major does not himself believe that Britain ought to enter a single currency, and if he is elected Britain will almost certainly refuse to do so. He seems to believe that Britain benefits by maintaining an open negotiating position, though the big issues have all been settled and our European partners can see through the compromise. He wants to keep Kenneth Clarke, who is in favour of the single currency, in his Cabinet. It is likely that indecision on the single currency would make it impossible for the Conservatives to win the next general election. Is Kenneth Clarke worth the price?

No one should blame a Prime Minister for changing the views he held as a young backbencher; we should all learn from experience. But political experience shows that indecision is usually fatal. It would be disastrous for the Conservatives to enter the general election unable to answer the simple question, "A single currency — yes or no?"

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101 dangers for Tony Blair

Peter Riddell

says Labour needs to shake off the mentality of opposition

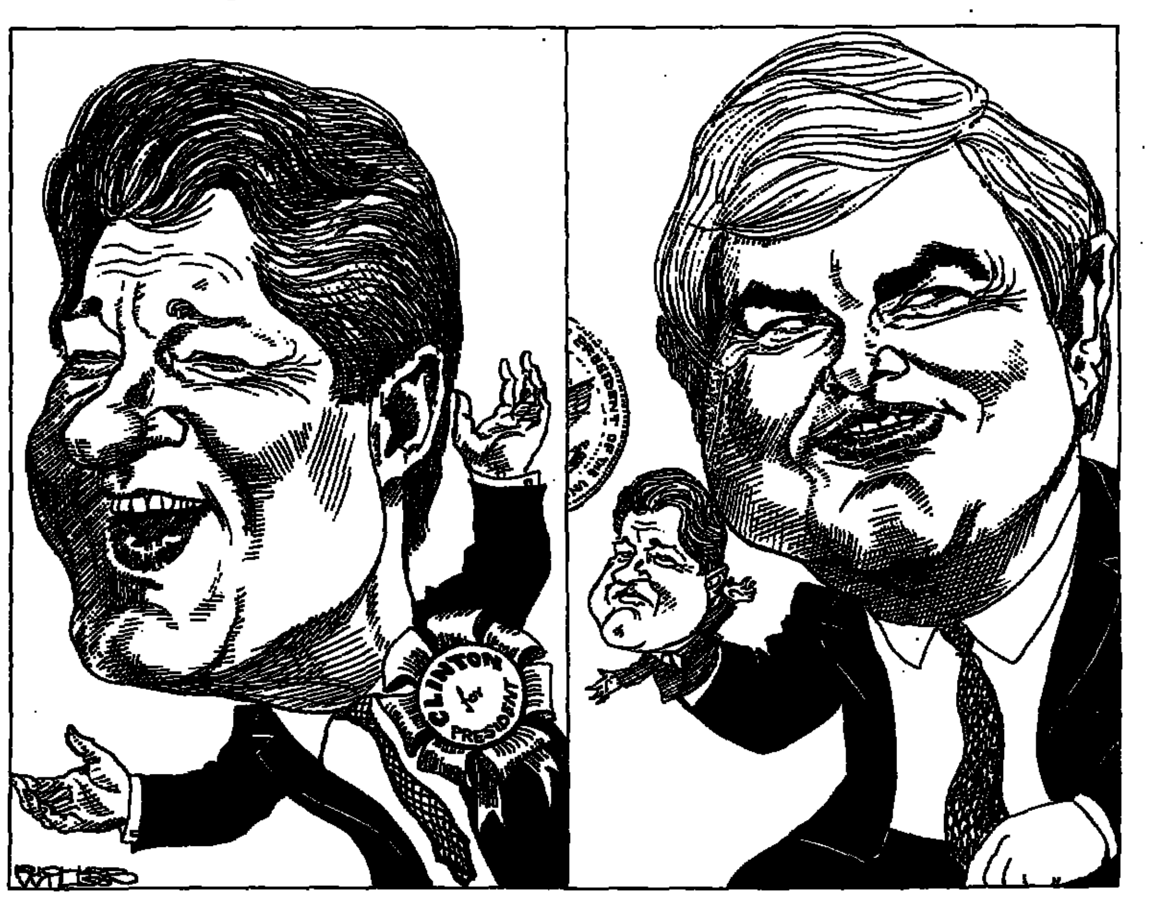
RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Governing is very different from campaigning. The choices and compromises of office require different skills and instincts from sticking to a line and making instant rebuttals. Virtually all of Labour's experience, however, is with the latter: as one battered frontbencher remarked, "we have learnt to be rather good at opposition".

Only seven out of the bloated Shadow team of 101 have ever served as ministers or whips and, including them, a mere 14 were even MPs when Labour was last in government. A failure to understand the adjustment needed for office could fatally weaken any Blair government, as it undermined the Clinton Administration in its first two years.

The secret lies partly in not raising expectations which cannot be fulfilled, and partly in binding in the party to the programme before the general election ("getting your betrayal in first" as it is dubbed by the leadership). Tony Blair is trying to do both of these with his mini-manifesto, which will go to a ballot of Labour Party members in the autumn. But sensible though this is, it is not enough. Aspiring ministers need to understand how to exercise power.

The Labour leadership is trying to educate its shadow spokesmen in the realities of office, notably with a series of seminars at Templeton College, Oxford. Veterans of the Wilson and Callaghan administrations — the Long Retreat rather than the Long March, perhaps — are being wheeled out along with some retired senior civil servants, quite a number of whom are sympathetic to "new" Labour. To judge by the accounts of participants, it is rather like that passage in John le Carré's *The Secret Pilgrim*, when the retired George Smiley gives an after-dinner talk to the trainees at Sarratt: "the fit, expectant, faces of his young audience as they waited on the master's word". I am not so sure about the "fit", but there is a sense of "tell us what it is really like to sit behind a ministerial desk" about the Templeton exercise.



One of the star turns of these occasions is Gerald Kaufman, a minister of state when Labour lost office in 1979, who might have enjoyed a long period in the Cabinet rather than merely in the Shadow Cabinet, if the party had remained in office. He remains witty and waspish, as well as shrewd, and his book *How to be a Minister* remains the best contemporary guide to the tradecraft, if not the statecraft, of government.

Published in 1980, the book has been revised and updated by Mr Kaufman, giving the names of previously anonymous people, and will be republished next February, in handy time for the election. He offers sensible tips about, for example, how not to get cut off from Parliament and the party (avoiding the twin diseases of ministerial-itis and departmental-itis), how to get on with your private secretary and your driver (the two key people in ministerial life), how to handle meetings, lobbying groups and the press.

Any aspiring minister should also read the memoirs of Roy Jenkins, *A Life at the Centre*, and of Denis Healey, *The Time of My Life*, not least for their reminders of life outside politics. And for a cold shower of economic reality, I recommend Nigel Lawson's *The View from Number 11* and Joel Barnett's *Inside the Treasury*, for accounts of the conflicts inevitable in any government over public spending.

But the closest parallels for the Blair team are from the experience of Bill Clinton's Administration. Mr Blair and his advisers have already learnt much from the campaigning techniques of the Clinton team, as well as from his early errors in office, such as being diverted into secondary issues. Yet the most pertinent lessons are about how the Clinton campaigners did, or often did not, adapt to office.

The dangers are vividly brought out in Jeffrey Birnbaum's book, *Madhouse: The Private Turmoil of Working for the President*. This is one of the most revealing political books I have read all year, in its description of the frustrations and disillusionment of six officials in the Clinton White House. They range from Howard Paster, the chief White House lobbyist, who lasted less than a year, the former press secretary Dee Dee Myers, the media adviser Jeff Eller and the political consultant Paul Begala to policy specialists Gene Sperling and Bruce Reed.

In each case, proximity to the heights of power — its symbols as well as its substance — proved intoxicating. Some of the six were not suited to the high altitude, and stumbled and fell. In other cases, the disillusionment was more subtle — an inability to cope with the complexities of the Washington bureaucracy and Congress, even before Newt Gingrich's Republicans took over the House. None of the six had any training or proper preparation for these posts. They were chosen to work in the White House only because of their efforts in political campaigns, in some cases exclusively in Clinton's of 1992, rather than because of any experience in past administrations.

As Birnbaum writes:

> Electioneering mostly involves the manipulation of images or perceptions: it is largely a public relations effort, shallow and short-term. Governing also entails political posturing, but it is, fundamentally, the process of making real changes in programmes that affect the daily lives of individual citizens. A White House is not just about rhetoric, but it also about taking action and following through.

He quotes Bruce Reed saying that "moving from the fast-paced world of a campaign to the laborious realm of governing was like running into water: the deceleration was disorienting and massive".

Of course, unlike their American counterparts, Blair's team has the advantage of long experience of Parliament. And in Britain the senior ranks of the Civil Service provide a framework of continuity — although that is not a lasting protection for a poor minister. But the similarities of attitude, and of a campaign mentality, are striking. Too many of Blair's 101 still look more comfortable with the words and gestures of opposition than with the constraints and demands of office.

THE TIMES
DIARY

Busman's hols

AS LABOUR heavyweights such as John Prescott, the deputy leader, head off to Marbella this week with their buckets and spades to start the party's campaign to win the support of sunburnt holidaymakers and expats in Spain, they will find that the Tories have got there first.

The name "Portillo", new Labour's Castilian nemesis, is emblazoned everywhere. It is the name of the largest bus company in the area, and hundreds of lumbering vehicles bear the name of the Tory Defence Minister in large letters on their sides.

It is estimated that the Labour Party is to spend £500,000 fighting the Conservatives on beaches — from Blackpool to Benidorm — and senior Tories are gleeful at this helpful coincidence: "There was some alarm when the campaign was announced," says one, "until we all realised that in Marbella we had got there first, and for free. The buses run all night. Labour will never get away from them."

Inquiries to discover whether Señor Portillo, the bus company owner, is a close relation of Michael, the modish man at the MoD, have proved inconclusive. "He is probably just a namesake," says a confidant, "but the buses do the Torremolinos-Marbella run and are very well-known."

● *When I first wrote about it weeks ago, even I didn't realise that the Titan Arum plant at Kew Gardens would cause such a stink. It is now reaching the three corners of the globe. The story has particularly excited TV viewers in Japan, where the Clive James spirit of undergoing unsavoury ordeals still flourishes, and close to 30 million tuned in to see the monster on one channel alone. Pity those who laboured on that first nostril-scorching night to erect scaffolding for the film crews. They returned home reeking like grave robbers.*

PLAYA BLANCA
BLUE FLAG: TORIES ON BEACH.
RED FLAG: LABOUR ON BEACH.
Kool Box
Geoff Thompson

'Paul-ing

AFTER the nation failed to save them, the 19th-century marble sculptures of angels and cherubs from St Paul's Cathedral have been loaned to an American university for ten years. But in a move from the sublime to the souvenir, a range of replicas has been launched for the cathedral gift shop, to show tourists (many of them American) just what they are missing.

John Brandler, the dealer who purchased them from the cathedral, is responsible for the wheeze. "We've already got candles, mugs and brooches," he says proudly. "I am even prepared to consider fridge magnets."

● *No one is happier during the Proms season than Alexander Waugh, opera critic and son of Auberon. "I was first taken to the Proms as a boy," he says, "and I spent the day in Soho with a chum, looking at all the sex shops. Even now, before the music starts, I still feel this thrill of anticipation."*

Olympic club

THE ATLANTA Olympics closed yesterday, but one face which kept popping up throughout was that of Osman Streater, the former chairman of the Savile Club. The convivial Streater, who is half Turkish despite his very British manner, has been at the Olympics to campaign for the 2004 Games to be held in Istanbul.

He is working in league with Sir Tim Bell, Baroness Thatcher's favourite advertising man. Streater, with his half-moon spectacles and donnish air, has been chatting up the likes of Juan Antonio Samaranch, the head of the Olympic movement, and ex-King Constantine of Greece — whom he startled with a greeting in fluent Greek.

Streater threw a party for Turkey's star weightlifter, the pint-sized Naim "Pocket Hercules" Suleymanoglu. Streater now has Hercules in his, er, pocket, and it would be no surprise soon to see the muscle-man in clubland.

● *Peter Falk, a.k.a. Columbo, the shabby, cigar-chomping detective, is finding that art really does imitate life. His daughter Catherine is about to graduate from a detective school in California, and plans to open her own agency in the autumn. The fledgeling gumshoe is shamelessly intending to call her agency "Ms Columbo Inc."*

Falk: inspirational

Under canvas

AT THE START of Cowes Week, the Britannia Pub, one of only two in Cowes with a sea view, has been stripped of its major asset — a view of its namesake. This year, the council has erected a 200ft-long marquee along the Parade, blocking the punters' view of the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, which is moored opposite the pub.

The landlady, Sheila Hillman, who has threatened the council with an injunction, says: "This massive white tent is obstructing our view. We've lost hundreds of pounds and the glare is giving our bar staff headaches."

Slow Burns

Burns, the cigar addict

GEORGE BURNS'S cigars are coming up for sale at Sotheby's in Los Angeles. The comedian was a passionate puffer, smoking between ten and 15 a day for much of his life. He used a cigar as his signature prop on stage, but connoisseurs will not be bidding for the finest Havanas.

"Burns smoked a brand of cheap cigars called *El Producto*," says an expert from the cigar specialists Hunters & Frankau. "He once said if he was ever offered a $2 cigar he would be obliged to sleep with it first."

Burns himself was never ashamed of his tastes. "I smoke a domestic cigar because the more expensive Havana cigars are tightly packed. They go out on stage while I am doing my act. The *El Producto* stays lit," he explained once between puffs.

P·H·S

FOOLS' GOLD

Games are for players, not politicians and sportocrats

So farewell then Olympic Games, for another four years. Measured by league tables, Great Britain finished neck-and-neck with Burundi and Ecuador. But league tables are a foolish and unhistorical way to measure games. Politicians and bureaucrats should clear the track for a simpler vision of gold.

Britain's medal score was a quarter of Germany's, a third of France's, half of Italy's. The general secretary of the British Olympic Association said that "shock treatment" was needed before the Games in Sydney. The British sporting establishment has been wearing a strip of sackcloth since results began to go wrong for Britain's fastest and best. The failures have generated a self-serving official whinge that more money must be spent to get better results.

The gloom about underperformance is misplaced. The British medal count equals that in Helsinki in 1952, in Mexico City in 1968 and in Montreal in 1976. A medal graph running from 1952 to 1996 reveals no pattern, but a zigzag. A 16-year graph of the last four Olympics would indeed show a downward trend so steep as to be almost vertical: 37 medals in Los Angeles, 34 in Seoul, 20 in Barcelona and even fewer at Atlanta. But the Soviet Union boycotted Los Angeles, leaving us with a Barcelona total at the upper end of the postwar range and an exceptional year in South Korea. Atlanta is a disappointment, not a disaster.

Look further back, and watch the effects of the Games' development on medal tallies. In 1924, fewer than two dozen countries competed. The Soviet Union by then existed but did not take part; China did not exist in its present form, and sent no athletes. Britain's share of medals was bound to be greater than in this brave new world. Atlanta's Games welcomed competitors from 197 states. While armchair commentators of the industrialised world predict the demise of the nation state, new nation states keep popping up to belie their predictions. They seek prestige from sporting prowess.

At Atlanta Britain won one fewer gold but a few more medals than Kazakhstan. When that Central Asian country was part of the Soviet Union, its athletes joined the united Soviet team, limited to three competitors in each event. Now Kazakhstan and every other new state born from the disintegration of the Soviet empire can enter its own quota of boxers, weightlifters, archers, runners, and beach volleyball players. With several sizeable populations, rejuvenated national pride and training cultures inherited from the communist era, these countries are likely to produce competitive athletes. And they do.

Any minister confronted with a plea for more public money in sport should ask hard-headed questions about the causes of the Atlanta disappointments. Nobody watching the British women's hockey team could believe that the one-goal margin in a penalty shoot-out which deprived them of the bronze medal could be put down to a shortage of money. The injuries that felled Liz McColgan and Sally Gunnell were not caused by cash shortages. Whatever made Linford Christie, one of Britain's richest athletes, false start twice, it cannot have been fear of having to sign on the dole after Atlanta. One enterprising commentator has adjusted the tables to take account of per capita GDP in every country. The top five states which did the most with the least were all communist or ex-communist states with low standards of living: China, Russia, Ethiopia, Cuba and Ukraine.

"Its not just a question of throwing money at it," the technical director of the BOA said in Atlanta, while Tony Blair described the Olympic campaign as "one big muddle". Both comments direct attention in a more useful direction, although neither is a prescription for the next four years. Does the system identify potential winners soon enough? Is business sponsorship sought with enough panache? Are any of France's ideas cost-efficient enough to be worth imitating? Olympic competitors make sacrifices for their art, some of them financial. But money is not the root of every problem nor the explanation for every success. The key to a better British medal performance in Sydney will be as much to do with management as with Mammon.

CIVES ROMANI SUMUS

Imperial pasts still form the British way of life

The Romans are never far away. Our series on Roman Britain that starts today explores their physical remains, from the unconquerable Highlands beyond the Antonine Wall to Chester, Colchester and Chichester. Their names as well as their stones recall Rome in England. In this dry summer when the grass is cut, the street plan of Verulamium has grown vividly back to sight after 15 centuries. And the excavations at Number One Poultry are turning up the imperial and domestic remains of Roman Londinium as well as the livid scorchmarks of Boudicca's first Blitz of London.

Modern archaeological techniques such as aerial photography and metal detectors have recovered more of the Roman past in the last ten years than in the preceding century. And this gradual accumulation of evidence is rewriting and filling out the earliest British history. The *1066, And All That* travesty of savage Ancient Britons in woad subjugated by disciplined Romans has been superseded by a version of sophisticated tribes of traders, who generally welcomed the wealth and prestige of their Roman connection. But Sellar and Yeatman were not just joking: "The Roman Conquest was, however, a *Good Thing*." After the Romans left, it took the British 15 centuries to reinvent their central heating and hot baths, so suitable for the British climate.

Hadrian's Wall, the grandest Roman footprint left in Britain, is now seen more as a whitewashed terminus of Roman power than as a military barrier against the Caledonian nationalists. The writing on wooden tablets from Vindolanda describes a frontier melting-pot society, where mothers from warmer lands sent their sons parcels of socks and underpants, officers' wives gave supper parties, and Virgil was read and quoted. Epitaphs record the first Londoner whose name we know, Classicianus Alpinus, from Gaul. Tacitus also marked him as a decent man who recommended a policy of appeasement rather than reprisals. Up on the wall we meet Regina, an early Essex girl, married to Barates, a Syrian merchant.

Each generation remakes the Romans in its own image. The Victorians took Rome as their model for running an Empire, with imperial laws, taxes and legions. This generation, having lost an Empire, is more interested in civilian and social history, the assimilation of natives into Roman ways, how continental flowers came to Fishbourne in travelling pots described by Pliny, and became naturalised here like the Romans.

Nobody speaks the new world language without echoing Rome, for two thirds of English is derived from Latin. This gives English two words for saying everything: *fraternity* or *brotherhood*, *feline* or *cat*. Much Latin has gone as native as Classicianus: quorum, tandem, alibi, etc. The alternatives of refined and plain, Romance polysyllables and Germanic nononsense, make English the language of poetry. And poets and scholars still wrote in Latin until the 19th century, while schoolchildren composed Latin verses and unseens well into this century. Even folk memory recalls Rome. As the locals called Caerleon King Arthur's Round Table, stories of Arthur's knights are echoes of the cataphracts, the heavy armoured cavalry of Rome going down at last before the Anglo-Saxon pirate hordes.

Rome is in English blood and stone, language and literature and way of life. They came and saw and stayed, and called the British affectionately the "little Brits". There was always local subsidiarity in such a proud island. The *byrrus Britannicus* is the British duffel coat with a hood for the winter. The Rudston Venus is broader in the beam than disappointingly skinny Italian models. But the Roman connection lies all around for those with eyes to see and ears to hear.

POOCH ON THE COUCH

Dog is man's best friend, but it deserves a dog's life

The contemporary dog apparently needs a shrink more than it needs walkies. As we report today, a pet therapy conference at Cambridge University has been told that by treating their dogs as little people, late 20th-century owners are turning them into neurotic basket cases. Prozac antidepressants are being prescribed for dogs that behave like hyperthyroid rats. And animal behaviourists and counsellors now devise for pets games as significant and sophisticated as those that human resources managers play to test their junior executives.

More people would send their dogs to one of these new pet psychiatrists, except that a well-trained dog knows that it is not allowed on the couch. But it is not surprising if the increasing urbanisation and isolation of society derange dogs as well as their owners. Modern watchdogs are kennel potatoes and do what they are told by watching television or the burglar at work instead of keeping noisy watch and barking the house down. New breeds such as dobermann pinschers go around pinching dobermanns. A miniature poodle knows that most think of it as highly strung, spoilt rotten and French. But give it a Mohawk clip, and nobody will ever call him Fifi again. A barking dog still never bites — while it is barking. Nevertheless, there is only one way to stop a dog barking in August. Shoot it in July.

In his letter to Wilhelm Fliess on July 7, 1898, Sigmund Freud reported a significant exchange in the origins of pet psychoanalysis. "Itzig, where are you riding to?" "Don't ask me, ask the horse." Domesticated animals act as projections of the human condition. For dogs were originally sentimentalised and humanised in the earliest novel, when Ulysses came home after 20 years, and was first recognised by his old dog, which wagged its tail and died. Since then dogs have been adored, anthropomorphised, bred to absurd shapes and conformations, loved and feared and spoilt as man's little pack barkers. The only way they are ever going to take first prize at a cat show is by taking the cat. But in this age of solitary anxiety, dogs need to go Freud as well as Woof. They will, wagging their tails, as usual, and trusting their two-legged fools.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Clash between Howard and judges on Bulger sentences

From Flight Lieutenant J. D. B. Paines, RAF

Sir, Your leading article of July 31, commenting on this week's finding by the Court of Appeal that the Home Secretary had acted unjustly in setting a 15-year sentence for the killers of James Bulger, asserts as a central principle that public opinion should have a direct bearing on sentences awarded in criminal cases. I regard that assertion as entirely wrong.

The public have no detailed knowledge of the case. They have heard no arguments of mitigation and have only a broad overview of the facts from media coverage. They have little effective experience of sentencing. They are not, therefore, qualified to participate in the sentencing process.

The fact that public opinion is often inflamed by the tabloid press is a further reason for assigning the meting-out of justice, once a jury returns its verdict, to those who are both impartial and informed.

Concerns for the level of public support for the justice system, the foundation for the position taken by your leader, must be addressed by correct and consistent sentencing across the board, by leading public opinion and not by responding to it.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. B. PAINES,
34 Martlesham Road,
Amesbury, Wiltshire.
August 1.

From Lord Donaldson of Lymington

Sir, Your leader confuses two distinct issues. First, was the 15-year tariff sentence too high or too low? The Court of Appeal did not address this issue, holding, by a majority, only that in the case of very young offenders the Home Secretary had the power to determine such a sentence.

Second, did he act fairly in exercising that power? The court held that he did not. Whether it is a judge or a politician who is passing sentence, it must surely be axiomatic that he should act fairly.

The court did not criticise the Home Secretary for taking account of public revulsion at the nature of the crime. Any sentencing judge would have done the same and the two judges concerned no doubt did so. The court did not criticise him for giving more weight to that particular factor than did those judges — different decision-makers can legitimately give different weight to different factors. What they criticised and criticised strongly was his taking account of organised attempts to influence his judgment.

To accept such action as a proper exercise of a judicial power cannot possibly improve confidence in the criminal justice system. On the contrary, it would represent a move in the direction of substituting the rule of the mob for that of the rule of law.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. DONALDSON
(Master of the Rolls, 1982-92),
As from: House of Lords.
August 1.

From Mr F. Ashe Lincoln, QC

Sir, Your editorial comment supporting the Home Secretary in the Bulger case will be widely accepted as right. There is, however, much confusion as to the effect of the various judicial views on the time to be served by the murderers.

At the trial the judge had no power to give less than "life" as fixed by Parliament. The recommendation that they should be released after eight years was no more than an indication to the Home Secretary of the judge's opinion, no doubt kindly meant but in no way binding on the minister whose decision as to release governs.

The judiciary, for good reasons, do not like to have their sentencing powers fettered by Parliament; this is an important and moot constitutional question that has to be resolved; but at the moment the judges must accept the position and cannot curtail the discretion of the minister exercising the prerogative of the Crown.

Yours truly,
F. ASHE LINCOLN,
9 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.
August 1.

From Mr Jerome Gardner

Sir, Your leader of would have been more convincing in its support of Michael Howard for his role in the Bulger case had it been able to indicate that he was less sensitive to public pressure in a case of equal notoriety where a very long tariff has now been completed — that of Myra Hindley.

These two cases may not have much in common, but taken together are a demonstration that "the roar of the mob" is indeed a most persuasive influence upon the Home Secretary.

Yours faithfully,
JEROME GARDNER,
Morticombe, Cherry Bridge,
Barbrook, Lynton, Devon.
July 31.

From Sir John Wilton

Sir, Solomon would have got a rare drubbing from the Lords of Appeal. His treatment of the plaintiffs in the case of the disputed baby fell "far below the standards that a court would adopt" (report, July 31).

Yours sincerely,
JOHN WILTON,
Legassick House, 69 Fore Street,
Plympton St Maurice, Devon.
August 1.

Spinal injuries

From Mr E. K. Faridany

Sir, In your issue of July 26 you report the ground-breaking research being carried out in Sweden which has restored some movement and function to paralysed animals.

This work, and that being carried out by research centres in a number of other countries, provides grounds for cautious but growing optimism on the part of paraplegics and tetraplegics (like myself) at the prospects for an end to the permanence of human spinal cord paralysis, especially for those with newer injuries. A doctor involved in the Swedish research stated on the *Today* programme, also on July 26, that he considered clinical trials on humans might begin "within two years".

As with all pioneer work, however, spinal research has its doubting Thomases. I could have wished for more enthusiasm than was shown by the spokespeople for the spinal injuries charities in your report. One can understand their need to err on the side of caution but it is frustrating to read, yet again, the suggestion that efforts on behalf of those with spinal injuries might better be directed towards "living for the here and now".

It is, in my view, a monumental disservice to the efforts of research pioneers that such views can still hold sway, not least because of the adverse effect they could have on fundraising for international spinal research.

They are views which I feel owe more to political correctness (and a misplaced concern about offending disabled people's sense of worth) than to an objective desire simply to improve the human condition.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD FARIDANY,
Mount Pleasant Farm,
Rushlake Green,
Heathfield, East Sussex.
July 26.

Flight recorders

From Mr C. R. P. Stonor

Sir, If flight TWA 800 had fallen out of the sky minutes later into deep Atlantic waters it is unlikely that the flight and voice recorders would have been recovered. However, the immediate acquisition of data relevant to an aircraft disaster could be guaranteed at small additional cost using existing technology.

On-board flight and voice recorders could be equipped with battery-powered radio transmitters capable of transmitting to ground stations via an exclusive satellite-radio channel with global coverage.

The transmission of data, both current and recorded, would only be in extreme circumstances, such as loss of cabin pressure, structural failure, engine fires and turbine disintegration. Sensors could detect and pinpoint an explosion within the aircraft or an external explosion caused by a missile, and the aircraft's identity, current map reference and recorded data be transmitted within a few seconds.

Besides transmitting vital diagnostic data before it is lost or destroyed, such procedures would enable ground stations to give immediate warning to local search and rescue centres, including the aircraft's final position.

The need is paramount — does the vision exist to realise it?

Yours faithfully,
C. R. P. STONOR,
Chownes Mead,
Haywards Heath, West Sussex.
July 29.

How long, oh Lord, and how heavy?

From Mr Vivian Linacre

Sir, I wish you would not persist in mixing imperial and metric units in references to weights and measures. You are not obliged to convert from imperial to metric and presumably you will not do so consistently because of the obscurity or inelegance of many metric units. Given that you cannot adopt the metric system uniformly, why therefore can you not retain imperial notations throughout, rather than confuse readers with an odd assortment?

For example, your issue of July 20 includes an item about the proposed Stonehenge visitor centre "with 8,000 square metres of floor space" and a "4,000-acre park", and a story about a burglar in a "2 metre by ½ metre box" alongside another about somebody "5ft 5in" tall. Simon Jenkins sums it up in his article about the Olympic Games, "Wake me for the mile", in which he accords that event pre-eminence, "even debased as the 1500 metres".

Most absurd is the incongruity within Frances Bissell's recipes in the Magazine, which combine rule-of-thumb measures such as "1 tsp" and "good pinch" with the precision of "500g" and "150ml". What practical use is 1g or 1ml of anything?

Deficiencies in some children's education are easily remedied and afford no greater excuse for metric muddle — far less a metric monopoly — than do EU directives. So please stick to our traditional, rational weights and measures.

Yours etc,
V. T. LINACRE
(Chairman),
British Weights and
Measures Association,
9/5 New Bell's Court, Edinburgh 6.
July 25.

Scots oil, English debt

From Mr A. A. Bolland

Sir, If Mr Tim Hailes's letter (July 29) was not so serious, it would be comical.

The "English taxpayer" does not and never has had cause to "subsidise" Scotland.

Equally, at the 1992 general election, more than 75 per cent of the voters voted for a party advocating a Scottish parliament, whilst the majority voted for it in the referendum.

For the record, Scotland has 8.8 per cent of the UK population. On Scottish Office figures it carried 9.3 per cent of the UK tax burden in 1993-94, including 80 per cent of North Sea revenues; (the 1995-96 figures were 9.8 per cent and 90 per cent respectively). On the 1993-94 figures alone, this equates to a difference of £1.1 billion — ie, £500 per taxpayer per year or £9.62 per Scottish taxpayer per week.

It is the Scots who are subsidising the English, Mr Hailes.

Yours sincerely,
A. A. BOLLAND,
15a Middleton Road,
Middleton,
Nr Morecambe, Lancashire.
July 29.

From Mr Alan W. Kay

Sir, The implicit assumption made by Tim Hailes that the English taxpayer has subsidised the Scots is misconceived.

In the early 1970s, when I was on secondment as an under-secretary at the DTI, I was seated at lunch one day next to a distinguished permanent secretary. When I stated that devolution for Scotland would leave Scotland with all the oil and the Bank of England with all the debt, he nearly choked on his soup.

Since then, much of the benefit from Scottish oil has been exported as overseas investment or applied to reduce the Government's revenue deficit. The Scots have lost much of the benefit and the Bank of England still holds the debt.

As a Scot by sentiment and descent (but not by birth), I consider Mr Hailes's letter to be highly provocative. If the Isle of Wight perceives a benefit of independence from the fiscal inadequacies of this Government, so most definitely do the Scots.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN KAY,
Kay & Co (chartered accountants),
Severn End,
Hanley Castle, Worcestershire.
July 29.

Maddened by bells

From Mrs Valerie Twiss

Sir, Church bells are an anachronism ("Villager cuts down noise levels by taking an axe to the church bells", July 29). In a society with millions of clocks we don't need a bell to tell us it's time to go to church. Churches display great arrogance in assuming the right to announce their services in this way. What if every sect, club, society and entertainment provider chimed for half an hour prior to an event?

Churchgoers are a minority group. Their bell-ringing stresses those who seek peace in a noisy world.

Yours faithfully,
VALERIE TWISS,
Kingsdene, Church End,
Drayton, Passlow, Buckinghamshire.
July 30.

From Mr Robin Dyke

Sir, How pleasant it must be to live near a village green, a golf club, or open countryside. How convenient it must be to live near a church, school, shopping centre, motorway, railway or airport.

It therefore makes me wonder if those who complain about the unexpected arrival of cricket balls, golf balls or housing developments, the noise of bells or children, or the pollution of traffic, trains or aircraft have thought of moving. Or is it every nimby's right to make newsworthy protests in their own self-interest?

The traditional art of bell-ringing can only be sustained with a certain amount of training and practice. Visiting other churches broadens the experience of the ringers, as does the occasional peel.

Taking an axe to a 15th-century church door and the bell ropes is not a solution that society should accept.

Yours tolerantly,
ROBIN DYKE,
Gore House,
Warborough, Oxfordshire.
July 30.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Disputed changes at the Prado

From Professor Sir John Elliott

Sir, I cannot agree with Sir Norman Foster's reported opposition to the proposed removal of Madrid's Army Museum (the Museo del Ejército) in order to provide additional space for the Prado ("Foster in Madrid museum dispute", August 2).

The character of the Prado is unique, and nobody wants to see it replaced by a mega-museum; but large numbers of its paintings, including many of exceptionally high quality, are at present inaccessible to the public. The additional space afforded by the Army Museum would be admirably suited to their display.

The Army Museum, a 19th-century creation, is housed close to the Palace of the Buen Retiro — a pleasure-palace built for Philip IV in the 1630s and largely destroyed during the Napoleonic wars. Its principal room, the centrepiece of the original palace, is a great ceremonial hall known as the Hall of Realms. It is comparable in importance to the Whitehall Banqueting House.

The decorative scheme of the hall was designed to proclaim the military triumphs of Philip's reign and the glories of the dynasty. The paintings commissioned for it, including five royal portraits by Velázquez and his *The Surrender of Breda*, are currently dispersed through the Prado. Their return to their original setting and the hall's long overdue restoration to something approaching its original grandeur would represent a splendid addition to the attractions of Madrid.

In addition, the transfer of the Army Museum to the famous Alcázar of Toledo — an entirely appropriate site, where the museum's contents can be far more effectively displayed — will provide hanging space for many of the paintings originally acquired for the Retiro and now in storage in the Prado.

Whatever may be thought of the inclusion of the cloisters of San Jerónimo in the proposed extension of the Prado, the transfer of the Army Museum and the restoration of the Hall of Realms are necessary and desirable. Both should go ahead.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ELLIOTT
(Regius Professor of Modern History
at the University of Oxford),
History Faculty Library,
Broad Street, Oxford.
August 2.

Sauce for goose

From Dr Justin Seabrook

Sir, Mr Keith Waller (letter, August 3) draws a confused political parallel between sport and education. Achievement in both fields is dependent primarily on providing opportunity for all rather than concentration of resources on an "elite".

The selling-off of school playing fields and neglect of community sports facilities has had a greater effect on the nation's medal yield (not to mention its health) than can possibly be recovered by John Major's proposed academy of sport (report, July 25). Selection is now from too small a population of athletes.

Likewise, £200 million spent on the Assisted Places Scheme will have a smaller effect on the mean educational attainment level than the same sum expended on seriously underfunded state schools.

Yours faithfully,
JUSTIN SEABROOK,
Flat 2, 4 Victoria Road, Northampton.
August 3.

Future Olympics

From Mrs Mary Smith

Sir, With Atlantamania coming to an end, dare I suggest that after the millennium, the Olympic Games should be staged permanently in Greece? Their origin is almost completely lost in the insatiable desire for host countries to out-do one another in lavish style and unacceptable extravagance.

Yours sincerely,
MARY SMITH,
54 Eastern Road, Fortis Green, N2.
August 4.

From Dr H. K. Moller

Sir, Having watched basketball and volleyball on television I wonder if there should not be an Olympic event for those of less than average height. Would limbo dancing be suitable?

Yours faithfully,
HANS MOLLER,
215 Maidstone Road, Rochester, Kent.
July 24.

Power of the press

From Mr Toby Beresford

Sir, Brian MacArthur is mistaken if he believes the future of newspapers lurks in a laptop (Paper Round, July 31). If my day is spent staring at a computer screen the last way I want to relax is by surfing the Internet, even as one of his "under-30s who find it easy".

After work yesterday I lounged in the garden, basked in the afternoon sun and read *The Times*. When finished, I used it in a way no computer will ever be able to match: for shading my head as I dozed off . . .

Yours somnambulantly,
TOBY BERESFORD,
7 The Walled Garden,
Wargrave, Berkshire.
August 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

August 4: Mr Leslie Simmons was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Gold).

Mr Roy Howling was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with a Bar to the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Mr John Brown was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

CLARENCE HOUSE

August 4: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward will attend the Ocean Youth Club's reception at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Cowes, at 6.45.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend a council meeting on board *HMY Britannia*, Cowes, Isle of Wight, at 5.00.

Birthdays today

Professor Neil Armstrong, first man on the Moon, 66; Dr D. Arnold, Principal, St Chad's College, Durham University, 43; Mr Billy Bingham, football manager, 65; Mr Michael Diamond, former director, Birmingham City Museums and Art Gallery, 54; Professor H.G. Dickinson, botanist, 52; Professor Sir Michael Drury, former president, Royal College of General Practitioners, 70; Miss Barbara Flynn, actress, 48; Miss Joan Hickson, actress, 90; Lord Hindlip, 56; Mr Alan Howard, actor, 59; Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, 61; Mr R.W. Jewson, chairman, Savills, 52; Sir Michael Kerry, QC, former Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 73; Mr C.J. Kitching, secretary, Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, 51; Mr Martin Lambie-Nairn, designer, 51; Sir Bert Millichip, chairman, Football Association, 82; Mr John Monks, General Secretary, TUC, 51; Mr Eric Nicoli, chief executive, United Biscuits (Holdings), 46; Mr Rodney Pattisson, yachtsman, 53; Mr K.P. Pearson, Headmaster, George Heriot's School, Edinburgh, 55; Sir Eric Pountain, former chairman, Tarmac, 63; the Hon Miriam Rothschild, entomologist, 88; Mr Rob Saunders, rugby player, 28; Sir Nicholas Scott, MP, 63; Lord Sefton of Garston, 81; Mr Peter Smith, chairman, Coopers & Lybrand, 50; Mr John Spellar, MP, 49; Miss Theodora Turner, former matron, St Thomas' Hospital, 89; Mr John Whitaker, showjumper, 41.

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: Count Johann von Struensee, physician and politician, Halle, Germany, 1737; John Wrottesley, 2nd Baron Wrottesley, astronomer, Stafford, 1798; Alexander Kinglake, historian, Taunton, 1809; Edward John Eyre, explorer and Governor of Jamaica, Hornsea, Yorkshire, 1815; Guy de Maupassant, short story writer, Miromesnil, France, 1850; Conrad Aiken, novelist and poet, Savannah, Georgia, 1889; Clara Bow, the "It" girl film star, Brooklyn, New York, 1906; John Huston, film director, Nevada, Missouri, 1906; Harold Holt, Prime Minister of Australia 1966-67, Sydney, 1908.

DEATHS: Thomas Newcomen, inventor of the atmospheric steam engine, London, 1729; James Gibbs, architect, London, 1754; Frederick North, 2nd Earl of Guildford, Prime Minister 1770-82, London, 1792; Richard Howe, Earl Howe, admiral, 1799; Friedrich Engels, co-author of *The Communist Manifesto 1848*, London, 1895; Phil May, cartoonist, London, 1903; Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister of Canada 1920-21 and 1926, Toronto, 1960; Marilyn Monroe, actress, Los Angeles, 1962; Richard Burton, actor, Geneva, 1984.

The first traveller's cheque, devised by American Express, was cashed, 1891.

The first electric traffic lights were installed in Cleveland, Ohio, 1914.

The Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was signed by Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union, 1963.

Nature notes

Hobbies, which are small, fast-flying hawks, are feeding their fledgelings in the treetops: the young birds call excitedly when they see one of their parents approaching with a young swallow or a dragonfly for them. Along the coast, guillemots and razorbills have left their nesting ledges on the cliffs and gone out to sea, but fulmars still glide past on stiff wings. Although they resemble gulls, fulmars belong to the shearwater family, and can be distinguished by the curious tube-shaped nostril on the beak. Whinchats and wheatears are moving south and are seen along the tops of the cliffs. Thistledown is drifting through the countryside, and the fluffy seeds of rosebay willow-herb are also beginning to float away. More late summer flowers are opening: the dull gold stars of fleabane line the ditches, and small lilac flowers glow on the prickly heads of teasel. Hemp agrimony grows in wide swaths along woodland rides: it has foaming-looking flowerheads of pink and white, which attract many butterflies, especially peacocks and painted ladies. Meadow brown butterflies sip at the bramble blossom: both sexes have an eyespot on their front wings, but the females are mainly orange, while the smaller males are chocolate-brown.

The hobby

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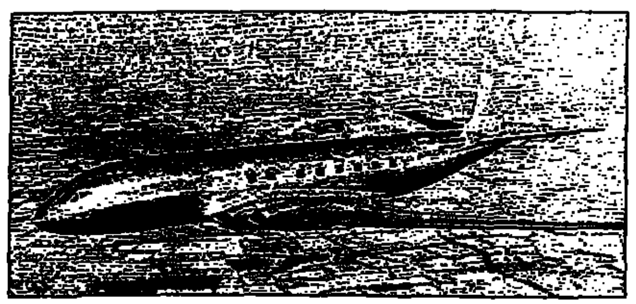

The Comet prototype during an early test flight

Memorial appeal for de Havilland gets off the ground

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A MEMORIAL to Sir Geoffrey de Havilland, Britain's "forgotten" aviation pioneer, is to be built at Hatfield within a mile of the runway from which the Comet jet airliner first took off and the jet age began.

The Duke of Edinburgh has agreed to be patron of a memorial fund set up by former engineers who worked for de Havilland at his factory at Hatfield and which hopes to raise £350,000 to sponsor an aerospace engineering postgraduate scholarship at the University of Hertfordshire and to erect a statue.

It was 50 years ago this month that de Havilland, a test pilot and aircraft designer, gave final approval for the development of the DH 106 Comet which was to become the world's first passenger jet airliner.

Mike Ramsden, who worked on the Comet as an engineering apprentice, said: "It is hard to appreciate the technical audacity of that decision. Airliners had always been driven by pistons and propellers. The jet engine was thought of in those days as a sort of air-fuel rocket for speeds and altitudes known to only fighter pilots in oxygen masks. Jet propulsion for grannies and babies seemed impossible. How would they breathe?"

The de Havilland team, which had already designed such world-beaters as the Tiger Moth, the Mosquito and the DH 100 Vampire jet, built the Comet in great secrecy and it first flew in July 1949. Sir Geoffrey, who was then 67, watched from his Morris Minor parked in a corner of the airfield.

However, although the Comet, which flew at twice the height and twice the speed of any previous passenger aircraft, brought jet travel to millions, de Havilland was largely ignored. He died in 1965 having watched the disasters of the Comet I resolved through the discovery of metal fatigue.

More than 11,000 jet airliners take off around the world each day carrying up to three million people on holidays, personal travel and business. However, the de Havilland name at Hatfield has gone.

Soon after the last aircraft engineer had left the Hatfield factory in 1993, owned by British Aerospace but now closed and lying derelict, a former chief engineer decided something must be done to commemorate de Havilland's work.

"Charles Caliendi suddenly realised that all that history was just rotting away with nothing to show for the incredible pioneering work done by Sir Geoffrey," Alastair Pugh, chairman of the memorial fund, said. "Perhaps while the de Havilland flag was flying over Hatfield it was a kind of memorial in itself. In the end it was decided that something must be done but it was almost too late."

Now a committee of his former employees, most of them knighted and holding senior posts in international aerospace companies, has been set up to raise the money to build the statue and create the aeronautical scholarship. The statue is likely to be a bronze of a seated Sir Geoffrey holding a Tiger Moth; it is hoped that it will be ready by next summer.

De Havilland: scholarship and statue memorial

Latest wills

Mr John Derrick Mordaunt **Snagge**, of Dorney, Buckinghamshire, the broadcaster best known for his annual commentaries on the Boat Race, which he covered from 1931-80, left estate valued at £563,978 net.

Mr William Pearson **Powell**, of Brough, North Humberside, left estate valued at £7,692,503 net.

He left £7,000 and 19/20ths of the residue to personal legatees, and 1/20th of the residue equally between The Charles Sykes Trust, Harrogate, Dove House Hospice, Hull, the Royal Navy Benevolent Society and National Trust.

Sir Geoffrey James **Warnock**, of Axford, Marlborough, Wiltshire, the philosopher, Principal of Hertford College, Oxford, 1971-88, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, 1981-85, left estate in the UK (other than his literary estate) valued at £28,662 net.

Elizabeth Henry **Strangman**, of Halesworth, Suffolk, left estate valued at £1,053,354 net.

She left £39,000 to personal legatees, £5,000 to the RNLI, £3,000 each to the Donkey Sanctuary, Home of Rest for Horses, Battersea Dogs' Home and World Wide Fund for Nature, and the residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Mr Colin Charles **Mear**, of Buckland St Mary, Chard, Somerset, left estate valued at £2,469,903 net.

Archaeology

Erotic pipes uncover bodies of evidence

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

PORNOGRAPHIC tobacco pipes and cheap tin Elizabethan toys have been found in London, documenting some of the more obscure aspects of the city's past. The finds date from the past five centuries and shed new light on trade, industry and social life.

The pipes, dating to the last century, show naked or disrobing women whose bodies formed the bowls and legs tapered into the stem. They had been seized and smashed by Customs under legislation passed in 1857. Porcelain slides showing erotic scenes were also found similarly broken.

Another revelation has come from scraps of leaded tin, looking like crumpled foil wrappers. "These most fragile finds are 16th and 17th-century children's toys, providing evidence for a thriving mass market in cheap models of kitchenware, furniture, and the like," Mr Geoffrey Egan, of the Museum of London's Archaeology Service, said.

The toys are much earlier than previously documented, and will mean a revision of the history of attitudes to childhood in the early modern period.

Evidence for sweets is emerging, too, with the discovery of the earliest sugar refinery in England: sited at Ratcliffe in east London, it dates to the 16th century, and typical conical sugar moulds have also been found in the Fleet Valley and in Southwark.

Source: *British Archaeology* 16: 8-9.

University news

Cambridge

Jesus College

Elections

To Honorary Fellowships:

Professor Sir Martin Rees, FRS; Professor S. Prawer; Professor D.J. Furley.

Corpus Christi College

Elected into a Fellowship in Class B of Statute 31 (from October 1):

Robert J. Mayhew, for research in Historical Geography.

Sussex University

To be professors:

Anthony **Fielding**, human geography; Raphael **Kaplinsky**, professorial fellow; David **Gann**, professorial fellow in the Science Policy Research Unit.

Bristol University

The University Council has approved that the following be promoted to Personal Chairs from August 1:

Dr R.W. **Alder**, Chemistry; Mr M.A. **Aston**, Continuing Education; Mr C.L.F. **Attfield**, Economics; Dr R. **Bullock** (Policy Studies / Director of Dartington Research Unit; Dr N.G. **Connelly**, Chemistry; Dr B. **Foster**, Physics; Dr K. **Graham**, Philosophy; Dr A.P. **Halestrap**, biochemistry; Dr R.J. **Harrison**, Archaeology; Dr A.I. **Houston**, Biological Sciences; Dr R.E. **Hutton**, Historical Studies; Dr P.A. **Longley**, Geography; Dr R. **Lowe**, Historical Studies; Dr R.J. **Parkes**, Geology; Dr D.J. **Smith**, Mechanical Engineering.

Forthcoming marriages

Lord Charles Brudenell-Bruce and Miss T.P.H.-M. Chris

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Jean, Marchioness of Ailesbury, of Savernake Forest, Wiltshire, and Teresa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.T. Simons, of Collingbourne Ducis, Wiltshire.

Mr A.J. Hickman and Miss V.A. Lawrence

The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Hickman, of Kensington, London, and Victoria, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Lawrence, of Caldy, Wirral.

Mr C.R. Leventis and Miss J. Fearnall

The engagement is announced between Christo, elder son of Mr and Mrs Harry Leventis, of Turweston, Northamptonshire, and Jane, only daughter of the late Mr Heber Fearnall and of Mrs Fearnall, of Hope, Flintshire.

Mr A.C. Ogden and Miss K.S. Bramall

The engagement is announced between Adam Craig, elder son of Mr Robert Ogden, CBE, of Sickling Hall, Yorkshire, and Mrs Bernice Ogden, of Follifoot, Yorkshire, and Karen Susannah, eldest daughter of Mr Tony Bramall, of Brearton, Yorkshire, and Mrs Sue Bramall, of Inch, Co Wexford, Eire.

Mr N.R. Rundle and Miss G.K. Campbell

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Rundle, of Cheam, Surrey, and Gail, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Campbell, of Leeds, Yorkshire.

Dr J.P.C. Steele and Dr A.A. Panahloo

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, second son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Steele, of Bowdon, Cheshire, and Arshia, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Hassan A. Panahloo, of Canterbury, Kent.

Appointments

Mr Vernon **Scarborough** to be Ambassador (non-resident) to the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands from later this month

Mr William Lawrence **Banks**, Deputy Chairman, Robert Fleming & Co, to be a Commissioner of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 and a Member of the Board of Management.

Mr Loyd **Grossman** to be a member of the Museums and Galleries Commission.

Election

Mr David **Anderson**, Second Legal Adviser to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, has been elected to the United Nations Law of the Sea Tribunal.

Service dinner

The Suffolk Regiment

Brigadier W.C. Deller presided at the annual dinner of The Suffolk Regiment Officers' Dinner Club held on Saturday at Culford School, Bury St Edmunds.

National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies

Dr Timothy Clifford has been appointed President of NADFAS for a five-year term. Dr Clifford is the Director of the National Galleries of Scotland.

Marriages

Mr A.J. Wilbraham and Senhorita M. F. Amaral Valentini

The marriage took place on Saturday at Igreja dos Dominicanos, Perdizes, São Paulo, Brazil, of Mr Alexander Wilbraham, eldest son of Mr John Wilbraham and of the Hon Mrs Villiers, to Senhorita Fernanda Amaral Valentini, eldest daughter of Senhor and Senhora Arnaldo Valentini, of São Paulo. Father J.P. Barruel Lagenest officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Philip Rees was best man.

A reception was held at Club Pinheiros.

Lieutenant-Colonel J.H. Gordon and Miss F.M. Fairbairn

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Barkway, Hertfordshire, of Lieutenant-Colonel James Henry Gordon, only son of Mr and Mrs Graeme Gordon, of Kenmure Kennels, New Galloway, Kirkcudbrightshire, to Miss Fiona Mary Fairbairn, only daughter of Sir Brooke Fairbairn and the late Lady Fairbairn, of Barkway House, Newmarket, Suffolk. The Right Rev Maurice Wood and the Rev Christopher Kevill Davies officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Camilla Bolton, Amy Stuart-Mills, Pandora Stuart-Mills, Imogen Fairbairn, Roya Athill, William Korner and Jack Fairbairn. Mr Terence Bramble was best man.

A reception was thel at Langham, Barkway.

The Rev N.I. Bourne and Miss S.E. Sanger

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Thomas', Bedhampton, of the Rev Nigel Bourne, son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Bourne, of Basingstoke, Hampshire, to Miss Susan Sanger, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Sanger, of Havant, Hampshire. The Rev Douglas Wren officiated and Canon Alan Brown gave the sermon.

Mr P.J. Tomlinson and Miss Y.E. Chesney

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 3, at St Andrews United Reformed Church, Eastbourne, between Mr Paul Tomlinson, elder son of Tony and Sylvia Tomlinson, of Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire, and Miss Yvonne Chesney, younger daughter of James and Elizabeth Chesney, of Eastbourne. The Rev J.E. Mather officiated.

Mr P.M. Wallace-Woodroffe and Miss S.J. Burgis

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 3, 1996, in Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, between Mr Paul Wallace-Woodroffe and Miss Susan Burgis.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr James Burgis, and attended by Miss Louise Miller and Emma Lakeman. Mr David Barrett and Mr William Picard were best men.

The honeymoon is being spent in Switzerland.

Chartered Secretaries and Administrators

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Geoffrey S. Finn; Senior Warden, Rear-Admiral James Carine, Junior Warden, Group Captain John H. Constable.

Retirement

His Honour Judge **Irvine** retired on July 31 from the Circuit Bench on the Western Circuit.

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These are the words of the Lord of Hosts: Administer true justice, show kindness and compassion to each other and do not plot evil against one another.
Zechariah 7 : 9 (REB)

BIRTHS

DIXON-WARD - On July 25th 1996, to Caroline (née Hall) and Martin, a lovely daughter, Katharine Claire.

LOWE - On 18th July, to Sarah (née Kirby) and John, a beautiful daughter, Esme Nami.

MACLEAN - On 2nd August, in Melbourne, to Susan and Lachlan, a daughter, Georgia Ann, a sister for Harrison.

MINTER - On July 26th, to Melanie (née Downer) and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Jasmine Louise.

RIVIERE - On July 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Clair (née De Maurier) and Simon, a son, Toby Michael Courtenay.

DEATHS

BELL - Air Commodore Cedric Arnold Bell R.A.F. of Boxted, Colchester, aged 90 years, died peacefully in hospital after short illness. Funeral Service to be held at 11 am Monday August 12th at St Peter's Church, Boxted, Colchester, followed by cremation. No flowers. Donations to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund c/o H.W. Bacon Funeral Directors, 5 Feering Hill, Feering, Colchester, CO5 9NH.

BERESFORD-PEIRSE - Muriel, died peacefully at home on August 1st 1996.

CAMBRIDGE - (Cakebread). John Albert, on 1st August 1996, dearly beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend of so many. Service at St Thomas R.C. Church, 59 Burgate, Canterbury at 12 noon on 8th August 1996. Donations to Pilgrim's Hospice, Canterbury.

CAMPBELL - On 31 July 1996 at the Royal Berkshire Hospital Reading, Michael aged 79. Formerly Colonial Education Service & Reading University. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Thursday August 8th at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Far East P.O.W. Association, 75 Welling Way, Welling, Kent.

DEATHS

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DEATHS

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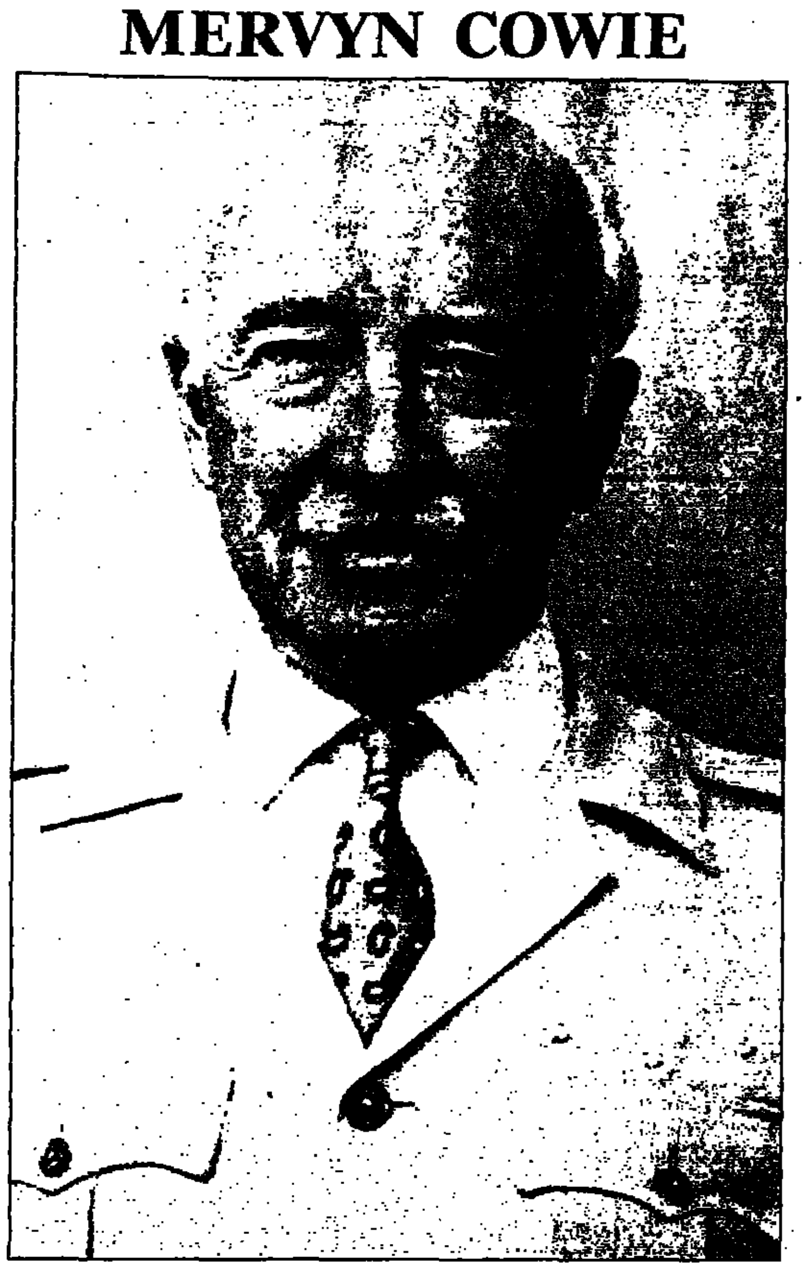

Mervyn Cowie, CBE, founder and former director of the Royal National Parks of Kenya, died on July 19 aged 87. He was born on April 13, 1909.

MERVYN COWIE campaigned for and created Kenya's National Parks, then ran them for 20 years to help to save the country's wildlife from extinction. He fought for funds to build roads and safari lodges and to train game wardens. He broadcast and lectured throughout the world as one of the most celebrated conservationists of his time. Not only did he succeed in his endeavour, but he helped Kenya's tourist trade to rival coffee as the biggest contributor to its balance of payments.

Among those who came to visit his famous parks were the young Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip on the eve of her accession to the throne. The film *Where No Vultures Fly*, starring Anthony Steel, was inspired by Kenya's conservation story and carried Cowie's name among the credits. But then in 1966 at the height of his powers, three years after Kenya had been granted independence, the man who had made it all happen was abruptly dismissed. His job, he was told, was being "Africanised" — with a local man taking over. He left with one month's pay and without a pension, just a letter from President Kenyatta expressing his thanks.

His disappointment was the more acute because Kenya was his home. Born Mervyn Hugh Cowie in Nairobi, he was the son of a former chief magistrate of South Africa who had been so impressed by Kenya on a visit that he had gone to live there with his family.

Young Mervyn was educated in this country at Brighton College, from where he went to read law at Brasenose College, Oxford. But he left without a degree, sailing back to Kenya when his father became gravely ill, the result of being wounded in the Boer War.

Cowie later returned to Britain, qualified as a chartered accountant, then practised in Nairobi in the 1930s. In his spare time he hunted game, as did everyone else, and once reputedly killed six lions with eight shots. He was growing concerned, however, by the rate at which the country's wildlife was being lost. East Africa was lagging behind other regions over conservation. Although Kenya had game reserves in which shooting was banned, it needed more rigorously monitored national parks. As part of Cowie's campaign, he "befriended" a pride of seven lions and five leopards which he personally fed at the same place in the bush, escorting influential visitors to the spot in order to win them over to his cause. The one-time Governor Sir Robert Brooke-Popham was a powerful convert.

His first breakthrough was the creation of a Game Policy Committee in the late 1930s. But then came the Second World War, during which Cowie, an officer in the King's African Rifles Reserve in the 1930s, served with the Kenya Regiment in Abyssinia, the Middle East and Madagascar. Demobilised as a Lieutenant-Colonel (he was known as "Colonel Cowie" at one time) he returned to his private battle in 1945 and one year later saw the realisation of his dream with the creation of the Nairobi National Park. Others swiftly followed.

He had learnt to fly in his teens, but had not done so since he saw his elder brother killed in front of him when his light aircraft crashed. The need now to patrol his growing empire persuaded him, however, to take to the air again.

In 1951 he joined Kenya's Legislative Council and served on it for nine years, providing himself with a powerful platform to fight for resources. He was made Director of Manpower during the Mau Mau emergency, 1953-56, organising the military call-up of Europeans.

One woman was so incensed when her husband was called that she threw her shoes at Cowie, who promptly claimed danger money from the Government. An official stiffly replied, turning him down. After losing his job in 1966 the dispirited Cowie performed a sequence of jobs before being appointed in 1972 financial director of the African Medical and Research Foundation, which ran the Flying Doctor Service.

On retiring from that seven years later, he migrated briefly to Britain but soon returned to Nairobi feeling homesick. He settled here permanently, however, some seven years ago, concerned by the growing insecurity in Kenya.

Appointed CBE in 1960, he was showered with honours by other countries and served on various international wildlife bodies. He once presented a series of 12 natural history programmes on BBC Television. His first book *Fly Vulture*, a more accurate if less colourful account of his campaign than had been portrayed in the film, appeared in 1961. This was followed by *I Walk With Lions*, published in America in 1964, and by *African Lion* one year later.

Although Cowie loved all animals, even the giraffes who regularly ate his roses in Nairobi, his favourite remained the lion. He disapproved, however, of Joy Adamson's attempts to tame them. He once refused her permission to release some lion cubs in his national parks, whereupon she flung herself on his office floor in a tantrum.

A lean, erect man with a trim military moustache, Cowie was known for his old-fashioned courtesy and charm. His military bearing was relieved by the twinkle in his eye and by a well-developed sense of the ridiculous.

His first wife Molly, a ballet dancer who ran her own ballet school in Nairobi, died in 1956. He is survived by his second wife Valori, who was once his secretary, and by five children — two sons and a daughter by his first marriage and a further son and daughter by his second.

IVAN LALIC

Ivan Lalic, poet, died on July 27 aged 65. He was born in Belgrade on June 8, 1931.

IVAN LALIC was a poet whose verses described all that was best in the former Yugoslavia. The finest Serbian and Croatian cultural traditions blended in him, and enriched his writing.

As a European modernist, he felt free to pick and choose his themes from all available traditions. He had much in common with other Mediterranean writers, like the Greek poet George Seferis, with whom he shared a passion for the sea. Indeed, Lilac once said that he considered himself more Mediterranean than Serbian or even Yugoslav — though that may have been his own typically understated response to the narrowing of perspectives which he saw going on around him during the civil war.

In an early poem he had written, "Places we love exist only through us . . . Places we love we can never leave". For Lalic, most of these deeply loved "places" were spiritual zones that were recognisably Yugoslav — whether drawn from the Byzantine Empire or Renaissance Dubrovnik, from Serbia or Croatia. He was steeped in all the literatures of the different local regions.

He was born into a cultured Serbian family. His father Vlajko was a journalist and his maternal grandfather Isidor Bajic was a composer. His sensibility was shaped by the bloody experiences of war as a boy: "The theme of death in my poetry, or destruction, is very deeply rooted in this war experience." A poem recently published in English, in a collection entitled *A Rusty Needle*, confronted his sense of loss over the death of a group of his childhood friends in an air raid: "But I remained, to grow on/With their gaze in the nape of my neck, like/A rusty needle just under the skin; but also, slowly,/To come to love the night and her soft stars again."

In 1946 he moved to the

Croatian capital. At school there, in the same class, he met Branka, a talented musician who later became his wife. He entered the Zagreb law faculty in 1949, and in his graduation year, 1955, published his first book, *Bivsi decak* (Once a boy). After graduation he joined Radio Zagreb and became an editor. In 1961 he moved back to Belgrade to become general secretary of the Yugoslav Writers' Union. In 1979 he went to Nolit publishing house, where he worked as an editor until retirement in 1993.

Although the move back to Belgrade in 1961 was permanent, each summer was spent, with his wife and two sons, at his second family home in the town of Rovinj on the Istrian coast. Then in 1989 disaster struck. His first son Vlajko was drowned in a sudden squall on an Adriatic yachting trip, bravely sacrificing himself to save his two companions. Lalic confronted this tragedy in later poems, insisting, despite his loss, on the poet's inborn duty to continue assenting. Then war and the collapse of the Yugoslav Federation put a complete stop to his Adriatic summers.

Between 1955 and 1992, he published 16 books, including two editions of selected poems. He received numerous Yugoslav awards, and was widely translated into other languages. In English alone, seven volumes have appeared, and he was fortunate to have two able translators into the English language, Francis R. Jones and the American Charles Simic. Jones's fourth selection, *A Rusty Needle*, has recently been published by Anvil Press.

Lalic was a polyglot, with fluent English, French and German, and excellent Russian and Italian. His knowledge of the major world literatures was thorough and deep. His translations from English included editions of Whitman, T. S. Eliot, David Gascoyne, and Marlowe's *Tamburlaine*. He admired both Britain and the British sense of humour. On his first visit to Cambridge, for the 1979 Poetry Festival, he wrote several authentically bawdy limericks.

Lalic brooded long over his subjects, and the importance of memory and of recollection was essential to his work. But when it came to composition, he worked quickly and effortlessly, not wishing to mar or overload his texts with corrections. To him the act of composition was an epiphany. As an Orthodox Serb, it was important to him to compose in Cyrillic. He took quiet pride in the neat, firm writing in his manuscript books, which to him were records of these Orphic dictations from his inner voices.

Perhaps Lalic's most enduring gift is that these epiphanies are experienced directly by the reader, in sudden and unexpectedly radiant images. These frequent moments caught in the poem are by no means "accidental" flashes of technical brilliance, but spontaneous blossomings of a coherent and informed vision, sturdily rooted in history. He never flinched from the poet's task, but rejoiced in his work: "Terrible is the effort to recognise love/In the waning, and to read the sign/In the nettle between two syllables of stone/. . . our task/Is to remember, to deliver blows;/The task of the peach is to blossom."

He leaves his widow and his surviving son.

HUGH CRONYN

Hugh Cronyn, GM, artist, died on July 25 aged 91. He was born on April 30, 1905.

DURING his wartime service with the RNVR, Hugh Cronyn was one of the first naval officers to be awarded the George Medal. Volunteering for the bomb disposal service in 1940 he was posted to a Bristol dockyard and it was there, after an air raid, that he bravely defused a German bomb in the hold of the tanker *Chesapeake* which was carrying a cargo of high octane petrol.

After ensuring that as much petrol as possible had been unloaded from the tanker, Cronyn went down alone into the hold, wearing a wooden helmet attached to an airline to protect himself from noxious fumes. He then, as he later recalled in his memoirs, did his "little 40-minute ceremony" on each of the two fuses the bomb contained, and made it safe. For this singular act of courage, he was awarded the newly instituted George Medal.

But in civilian life, Cronyn was a talented artist who chose landscape as his principal subject. Often experimental in his technique — sometimes at the expense of commercial success — he would constantly rethink and adapt his methods of representation of the landscapes of East Anglia, the Thames, France and his native Canada. Even in old age, as blindness encroached, his work was characterised by a vibrancy and luminosity. And though his wartime experiences had inevitably left their mental scars, his painting seemed to demonstrate a counterbalancing belief in the richness and beauty of human experience.

Hugh Cronyn, left, and *Winter Lilies*, 1983

A Canadian, Hugh Verschoyle Cronyn was born in Vancouver and educated at Ridley College. After an unhappy period working for the Anglo-American Direct Tea Trading Company in Toronto, he decided to turn his back on the world of commerce in 1928 and started to study instead with Franz Johnston, a founder member of the Canadian school of landscape painters known as the Group of Seven.

In 1929 he enrolled for courses in the Art Students League in New York, and in 1930 moved on to the American School of Fine Arts at Fontainebleau. He spent the next four years in Paris, which he later came to regard as his "university", studying principally with the Cubist painter André Lhote before coming to London, where he made a precarious living among a circle of talented young artists based along the Thames at Hammersmith. These included Gertrude Hermes, Raymond Coxon and Edna Ginesi. At this time, he also became a close friend of A. P. Herbert and his family.

With the outbreak of war in 1939, having had some experience of sailing, he joined the Thames River Emergency Service, and subsequently the RNVR, receiving his commission in 1940. During training at *HMS King Alfred*, he volunteered for the bomb disposal service.

He transferred in 1941 to Harwich and to corvettes, serving first in *HMS Puffin* and then in *HMS Mallard*, where he was promoted Lieutenant-Commander and appointed First Lieutenant of the First Flotilla Corvettes. His final posting was as British Naval Liaison Officer aboard the French cruiser *Suffren*, and he ended the war in Saigon shortly after the Japanese surrender.

On leaving the Navy in 1946, Cronyn was determined to pursue his vocation as a painter. After a brief period as director of art at the Architectural Association in London, he taught painting from 1949 to 1969 at the Colchester School of Art, numbering among his many friends Cedric Morris and John Nash. From East Anglia, he returned to his earlier stamping grounds in London, where he acquired a studio alongside other artists living by the Thames, among whom were his old friends Julian Trevelyan and Mary Fedden. At this time he also acquired a house in the South West of France, where he spent most of the summer months each year painting, and becoming in the process something of a local celebrity.

As his work became increasingly well known, he exhibited at the Royal Academy, was shown frequently in East Anglia, and later in France, and at diverse locations in and around London. In 1972 he had major exhibitions at Canada House and The Minories, Colchester.

With typical courage, Cronyn continued to paint throughout the 1980s despite deteriorating eyesight. His work was shown in Toronto at Nancy Poole's studio in 1982, at the Phoenix Gallery, Lavenham, in 1985, and again in a retrospective exhibition in 1990. Paintings by him now form part of public and private collections in Canada, France, Sweden, Britain and America. In 1989 he published a short memoir of his Navy years entitled *Steady As You Go: A Canadian At Sea*.

Hugh Cronyn leaves his wife Jean, whom he married in 1942, and two daughters.

HIS HONOUR JOHN WILLIS

John Willis, county court and circuit judge, 1965-80, died on July 17 aged 90. He was born on July 3, 1906.

JOHN WILLIS touched the hearts of the nation more than thirty years ago when he fell for the barmaid of his local pub. The press flocked to the subsequent wedding in 1964 at Leeds Register Office, where Willis, then the Recorder of Huddersfield, married Mrs Terena ("Tina") Steel, 30 years his junior. For months she had served him his lunchtime drink and sandwiches at the bar where she worked in Leeds.

One newspaper carried a cartoon which showed a judge banging the table with his gavel and calling "Time gentlemen please!" To cries of "Good Luck" from the crowds, the couple left for their three-week honeymoon in his car, with Mrs Steel's daughter by a previous marriage in the back seat. Willis's own first marriage had been dissolved 18 years previously.

They made the national newspapers twice more: first, when his house was burgled during their honeymoon, and again when their baby was born in the following year. But then, as in all the best romances, they lived happily ever after.

John Brooke Willis was the son of a solicitor in Rotherham. He followed his elder brother to Bedford Modern School, where he won a scholarship, played rugby and also rowed, then went up to Sheffield University to read law. He carved for himself a niche in the university's history by becoming the first law student to win first-class honours.

Willis then joined his father's Rotherham law firm before switching to read for the Bar. Called by the Inner Temple in 1938, he practised briefly in London before joining the North Eastern Circuit with chambers in Leeds. He was to become one of the circuit's most respected figures.

Commissioned into the RAF Volunteer Reserve in the Second World War, Willis served in Aden and other parts of the Middle East, reaching the rank of squadron leader before being demobilised in 1945. He then returned to Leeds — and the break-up of his first marriage shortly afterwards.

Willis was made Recorder of his home town of Rotherham in 1951, then of the rather larger Huddersfield eight years later. In 1953 he also became chairman of the local Medical Appeals Tribunal, hearing cases of industrial injuries and National Insurance, a post which he held for 12 years.

He served as deputy chairman of the West Riding Quarter Session, 1958-71, and was made a county court judge in 1965, based in Derby, becoming a circuit judge after the 1972 reorganisation of the judicial system.

He retired in 1980 aged 74, but continued to help out for a few more years by taking cases from time to time before finally settling down to his garden and his books.

A tall, gentle, modest man, Willis made his reputation not by any flamboyant advocacy in court but through his profound knowledge of the law and his shrewd judgment. No one was better, it was said, at distinguishing the genuine hard-luck cases standing before him from those who were the "workers of inequity". But his style was quiet and succinct.

Absorbed by the North Eastern Circuit, he was an expert in its history and geography. For many years he organised the North East's Bar Mess — which provides for barristers on circuit away from home. While chairman of the Medical Appeals Tribunal, he also held regular dinners for medical consultants within the area, which became known as the "Circles of Willis" — a play on the anatomical term for part of the brain. He was himself an authority on fine wines, although he preferred quality to quantity and his own personal consumption was modest.

Willis died from cancer after also suffering from Parkinson's disease for several years. He is survived by his wife Tina and by four children — a son and daughter from his first marriage and two daughters from his second, including a stepdaughter whom he brought up as his own.

Church news

Dean of Gloucester

The Rev Canon Nick Bury, Vicar of St Peter-in-Thanet and Rural Dean of Thanet, diocese of Canterbury, is to be Dean of Gloucester, succeeding the Very Rev Kenneth **Jennings**, who retires in November.

Other appointments

The Rev Ian Black, Curate, Maidstone, All Saints' w St Philip and St Stephen, Tovil: to be Priest-in-charge, The Brents w Davington and Oare w Luddenham (Canterbury).

The Rev Martin Clarke, Priest-in-charge, Walsham-le-Willows and Finningham w Westhorpe: to be also Priest-in-charge, Badwell Ash (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Catherine Dakin, Deacon (NSM), united benefice of Heydon, Great Chishill, Little Chishill, Chrishall, Elmdon w Wendon Lofts and Strethall: to be Deacon (NSM), united benefice of Great and Little Maplestead w Gestingthorpe (Chelmsford).

The Rev Geoffrey Daintree, Vicar, Framfield: now also Rural Dean of Uckfield (Chichester).

Canon Ronald Diss, retiring as Rector of Freemantle (Winchester) on August 31: to be a Canon Emeritus of Winchester Cathedral.

The Rev Struan Dunn, Team Rector, South Gillingham: to be Rector, Meopham w Nurstead (Rochester).

The Rev David Evans, Rector, St Michael's, Cornhill (London): to be Chaplain, St Andrew's, Pau, France (Europe).

The Rev Alan Fishwick, Team Vicar, Accrington Team Ministry: to be Vicar, St Aidan, Mill Hill, Blackburn.

The Rev Graeme Giles, Assistant Curate, St Michael, Paulsgrove (Portsmouth): to be Vicar, St Peter le Poer, Friern Barnet (London).

The Rev Michael Gudgeon, Bishop's Chaplain (Europe): to be also a Canon of Gibraltar Cathedral.

The Rev Michael Halliwell, who recently retired as Rector, St Brelade w St Aubin: to be Honorary Assistant Curate, Grouville, Jersey for two years. He will continue to serve as a Vice-Dean during this time.

The Rev Nigel Hartley, Priest-in-charge, Great Finborough w Onehouse, Harleston, Buxhall and Shelland: to be also Acting Rural Dean of Stowmarket (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Jane Hayward, Curate, benefice and parish of St Mary Redcliffe w Temple, Bristol and St John the Baptist, Bedminster: to be Vicar, St Anne w St Mark and St Thomas, Eastville (Bristol).

The Rev Thomas Heggs, Vicar, Yaxley: to be also Priest-in-charge, Holme w Conington (Ely).

The Rev Paul Holland, Assistant Chaplain, St Helier Hospital: to be Senior Curate, St John the Baptist, Croydon (Southwark).

The Rev Clive Jenkins, Priest-in-charge, Amberley w North Stoke and Parham, Wiggonholt and Greatham and Diocesan Youth Officer (West Sussex): to be Vicar, Southbourne w West Thorney (Chichester).

The Rev Barry Keeton, Team Rector, Lewes (Chichester): to be Rector, St John the Baptist, Fleet Street, Coventry.

The Rev David Kightly, Priest-in-charge, Chippenham, Snailwell and Isleham, and Rural Dean of Fordham: to be Priest-in-charge, Feltwell w Methwold and Rural Dean of Feltwell (Ely).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Dr Dennis Brown, Vicar, Wolford w Burmington; Rector, Cherington w Stourton; Rector, Barcheston (Coventry): retired July 31.

The Rev Wilkie Denford, Rector, Pulborough (Chichester): to retire August 31.

Canon Daniel O'Connor, Residentiary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral and Bishop's Adviser on Interfaith Issues: to retire August 31 and be appointed a Canon Emeritus.

The Rev Canon Ron Poll, Rector, Southbourne (Chichester): retired in May.

ON THIS DAY

August 5, 1921

Lenin's "New Economic Policy", restoring private trade, came too late to deal with the famine caused by a drought which had wiped out the harvest. Eighteen million people were starving and Russia appealed to the "international proletariate" for relief

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

STARVING HOSTS ON THE MOVE.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

Russia was the granary of Europe, and Russia is now starving . . . The facts in regard to the famine may be briefly summarized: In the provinces of Saratov, Samara, and Simbirsk, over a large area of the Don territory, and in the rich provinces to the east of the Volga up to the Urals there has been a complete failure of the harvest owing to the drought, and in the provinces bordering on these there is a partial failure. Over most of the rest of Russia the harvest is considerably below the average. The progressive peasantry of Saratov and the more backward Russian, Tartar, and Bashkir peasantry to the east of the Volga are starving. There is a tragic monotony in the accounts of their sufferings. With the fields burnt dry and showing only here and there a few stalks of corn, the wretched men and women and children are making desperate attempts to support life like the beasts of the field, eating grass, dry leaves, and weeds, making cakes of acorn flour, eating the bones of animals ground to a powder, devouring at times even offal. Panic seizes them, and they flee in hundreds from their villages, nailing up their doors, and sometimes in a fit of wild despair setting their deserted dwellings on fire. Whither to flee they know not. The Cossacks from the northern districts of the Don are moving down towards the Kuban, famous for its wealth of corn, but for months past disorganised by Cossack revolts. All along the banks of the Volga great companies of starving men, women and children wait for days and days for some steamer to carry them away from the desolation. And they sicken and die while they wait . . . Then in the midst of the devastating drought cholera has appeared, has spread, from the mouth of the Volga all through the famine area, and is being carried far and wide by the wandering hosts of starving peasantry. Dr. Semashko, the People's Commissary for Health, wrote in the *Izvestia* early last month: "A great epidemic of cholera has broken out. Rostov, the Volga region, Voronezh, and Orel are already aflame with it; it is breaking out in different centres in widely separated parts of the Republic. The sanitary condition of the country is most alarming. The filth in the towns is such that even during the drought people who have goloshes have had to wear them in the streets. The water-pipes and sewers have broken down. Worst of all, the migration of the population *en masse* is carrying the infection from one centre to another. The starving population of the Volga is moving southward like an avalanche, sowing contagion and death on the way . . ." There is probably corn enough in Russia now, if it could be properly distributed, to keep alive the starving millions; but with the hopeless disorganization, the lack of transport, the revolts in the Ukraine and Siberia, and the paralysis of economic initiative through Soviet misrule, it is impossible to expect that the disaster will be checked. The big towns themselves are threatened with starvation, and rations are dwindling daily.

THE TIMES TODAY

MONDAY AUGUST 5 1996

NEWS

A-level passes set to rise again

■ The A-level pass rate is set to rise to record levels this month, boosted by the first major set of grades from "test as you go" modular courses. Ministers have been told to expect a leap of at least 2 per cent in the pass rate and are braced for renewed charges that the A-level "gold standard" is being eroded.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, will argue that the best-ever results reflect the extra efforts of this year's students .... Page 1

Capitol Hill flexes its muscles

■ Republican leaders in America urged strikes against reported terrorist camps in Iran if the UN fails to persuade Tehran to close them. The criticism came amid reports that transmissions tracked by the CIA had raised suspicions of an Iranian connection to TWA Flight 800 .... Pages 1, 9

Abortion defended

Doctors' leaders defended as ethical a leading obstetrician's decision to abort a healthy twin whose single mother cannot cope with two babies .... Page 1

Olympic coppers

Two British divers have been so hard up that they have had to sell their official Olympic kit to local Americans .... Pages 1, 7, 17, 21-25

Brainier dogs

Scientists have discovered how pet owners can make their dogs smarter animals — treat them like farmers' sheepdogs, police alsatians or guard dogs ... Page 1

Tories take heart

Wavering Tory voters are returning slowly to the fold, according to a City survey which shows that traditional fears over Labour's tax-and-spend policies continue to haunt Tony Blair .... Page 2

Fears for Briton

Fears were growing for the safety of a British relief worker kidnapped in Chechenia after the French aid organisation he works for said it would be unable to pay a ransom .... Page 3

Queen Mother at 96

Just four years away from a congratulatory telegram from her daughter, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrated her 96th birthday at Sandringham with the customary crowd-pleasing performance .... Page 3

The mysterious wall

A troubling thought may occur to you as you marvel at the scale of the engineering of Hadrian's Wall: what on earth was it *for?* .... Page 6

Setback at Mostar

The European Union's two-year mission to unify the bitterly divided city of Mostar collapsed after separatist Bosnian Croats failed to meet a deadline to recognise the city's recent election results .... Page 8

Rail complaints rise

Complaints about late, cancelled and overcrowded trains have soared by up to half since the start of rail privatisation .... Page 4

Geoff Hamilton dies

Geoff Hamilton, presenter of *Gardeners' World* and Britain's best-known gardener, died after falling from his bike during a charity cycle run .... Page 5

Security alert

Israeli military commanders placed security forces on alert after violence between rival Palestinian groups on the West Bank threatened to spill over into Israel .... Page 9

European argument

During the months to come one argument will reverberate through the debate about Europe. If we stay out of the single currency, we will repeat the mistake of the 1950s .... Page 8

Out of Africa something of a record

■ Three young Britons flew out of Africa, bronzed, smiling and a little thinner after a record-breaking 18,000-mile flight around every corner of the continent's coastline to raise money for wildlife. Piloting their own Cessna U206A, they completed in three months what they believe was the first such circumnavigation in a single-engine aircraft .... Page 9

A peasant carrying a Colombian flag cautiously seeks entry to an army-occupied airstrip in the southern, coca-growing area of the country. A farmers' protest is going on in the area against a government-led coca plant eradication programme

BUSINESS

Oil: The oil industry faces decline because of a sharp fall in new oilfields ready for development. A report highlights a 35 per cent fall in recoverable reserves, with production tailing off after peaking in 1998 and 1999 .... Page 40

National Power: The electricity generator is making its first investment in Australia, paying £340 million for a majority share in a consortium that is buying one of the country's biggest coal-fired power stations .... Page 37

Aston Villa: The football club is seeking to restructure its share capital in a move that could lead to a stock market flotation. The elimination of a class of high-voting shares would make the chairman £6 million richer .... Page 40

ARTS

Pop giants: Oasis breathe celebration and life into the picturesque surroundings of Balloch Country Park, on the shores of Loch Lomond, in front of 40,000 ecstatic fans .... Page 15

Musical anniversary: Eighty years on from his death in the trenches, we remember the musical genius of George Butterworth .... Page 14

High notes: Glyndebourne's striking and vibrant revival of *Ermione* gives a rare opportunity to appreciate a neglected opera from the pen of Rossini .... Page 14

Film play: The stage adaptation of the children's film *The Red Balloon* may be a summer special for the kids, but offers little for the likes of Benedict Nightingale .... Page 14

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Mind watching: A new series examines consciousness — and questions whether science can ever explain what gives us our sense of individuality .... Pages 10, 11

Life and death: Anthony Clare wants to live until he is 80, and then stage a fast exit. "I don't go for all this romanticism about death," he tells Mary Riddell .... Page 13

Seductive power: The true story of Martin Guerre is more extraordinary than anything the West End could have devised. Ben Macintyre reports .... Page 13

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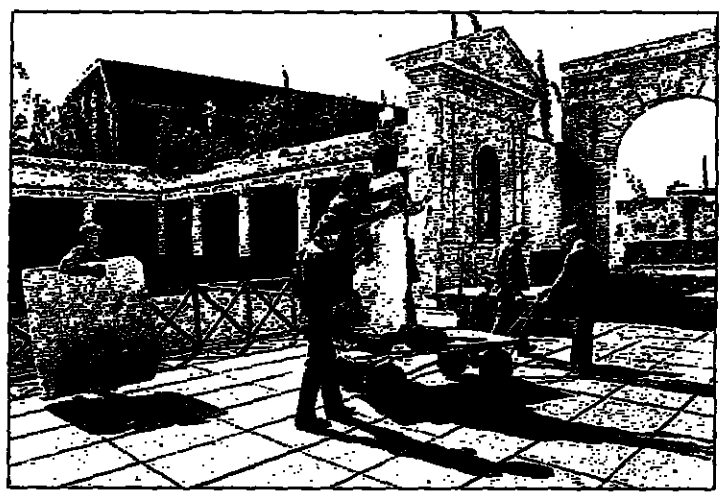
Happy times: Do we have a pre-set level of contentment dependent neither on good news nor tragedy? Nigel Hawkes reports .... Page 12



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ ARTS
Movie-making dilemma: who should be supporting the British film industry?

■ LAW
Professor Michael Zander takes a critical view of the Woolf report

SPORT

Olympic Games: Steve Backley, in the javelin, and the men's 4 x 400 metres relay team took silver in the final weekend .... Pages 21-25

Cricket: Andrew Caddick, the Somerset fast bowler, has been recalled by England for the Headingley Test. Graeme Hick has been dropped .... Page 27

Golf: Lee Westwood won his first European Tour event when he holed a 50ft putt at the second extra hole of a three-man play-off, thereby taking the Scandinavian Masters title .... Page 32

Rugby League: Bradford Bulls won 56-18 at Leeds in yesterday's Super League match .... Page 26

Sailing: Conditions were perfect for the second day of Cowes Week, the world's biggest regatta, after light winds caused the cancellation of 23 classes on Saturday .... Page 30

Football: Chelsea won the Umbro International Trophy at Nottingham by beating Ajax 2-0 in the final .... Page 26

Racing: Glorious Goodwood was spoilt for many by the over-zealous use of the public address system .... Page 31

NATIONAL LOTTERY

13, 17, 26, 28, 31, 36. Bonus 44.
Four winners share the jackpot of £9.7 million, with £2,430,398 each. Eighteen win £166,181 each for five balls and the bonus number.

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Fools' gold

League tables are a foolish and unhistorical way to measure games. Politicians and bureaucrats should clear the track for a simpler vision of gold .... Page 17

Cives Romani sumus

Rome is in English blood and stone, language and literature and way of life .... Page 17

Pooch on the couch

In this age of solitary anxiety, dogs need to go Freud as well as woof. They will, wagging their tails, as usual, and trusting their two-legged fools .... Page 17

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

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PETER RIDDELL

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No-one knows better than the United States the might of the Islamic combatants. If they have forgotten, we would like to remind them that every Iranian knows how to defend his motherland *Iran News*

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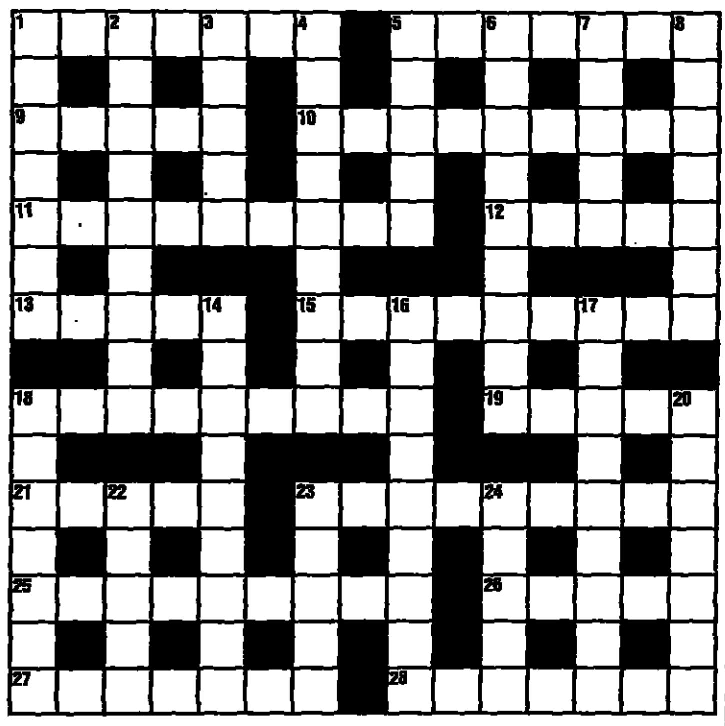

ACROSS

- 1 Plant explorer brought back, leading to business (7).
- 5 Take care of complaints Conservative ignored, and act as arbiter (7).
- 9 Presses for 23 *dn* (5).
- 10 Flimsy material put up by eccentric (9).
- 11 Unsystematic report of UN dinner, for example (9).
- 12 Unqualified, say (5).
- 13 Paper copiously covering learner's field of study (5).
- 15 It may be used as tinder, all being well (9).
- 18 Bird invading grassy area near the back (9).
- 19 Throw out slippery character pinching tenpence (5).
- 21 Genuine backing son received — it makes us beam (5).
- 23 County prison warder used to make drink available (9).
- 25 Where one may find shells by the water (9).
- 26 Starts to pick lead up — that obviously animated dog (5).
- 27 Carries out personal property (7).
- 28 Communist leader in Holmes's league? (7).

DOWN

- 1 One who almost falls for a holiday-maker (7).
- 2 Lacking funds leads to vehement desire for commission (9).
- 3 Circumstances in which teacher's starting class (5).
- 4 Players manoeuvring other cars (9).
- 5 Painting of maiden on Russian river (5).
- 6 Having turned up between the sheets on cue, he mucked about? (9).
- 7 A character not being taken into consideration (5).
- 8 Suffered, but persisted (7).
- 14 Woman with right style to be like queen? (9).
- 16 Clothing found at the bottom of river (9).
- 17 Well-chosen work quietly provided with indication of alternative melody (9).
- 18 Hopefully like a clue describing sugar (7).
- 20 New World city. New World appeal judge (3,4).
- 22 Stick provided for teachers in a school (5).
- 23 Cards made hard to beat (5).
- 24 Savoury pie initially reported to be around (5).

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ABERLOUR

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,237 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.31 am
Sun sets: 8.41 pm
Moon sets 1.12 pm
Moon rises 11.33 pm

Last quarter tomorrow

London 8.41 pm to 5.32 am
Bristol 8.51 pm to 5.42 am
Edinburgh 9.11 pm to 5.27 am
Manchester 8.57 pm to 5.33 am
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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start dry and sunny, but rain is expected to reach western fringes in the evening, when thundery showers might break out in southern counties. Becoming very warm. Humid in the south, but with a brisk southeasterly breeze.

East and northeast Scotland dry and bright with sunshine, but cloud elsewhere will thicken and bring locally heavy rain across Northern Ireland into western Scotland. Strong winds will become restricted to the Northern Isles later.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S, SW England, Channel Is, S Wales:** Sunny spells. Thundery showers later, some prolonged. Wind mainly SE light or moderate. Max 25C (77F), coasts cooler.

☐ **E Anglia, E, Cent N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee:** Mostly dry with sunshine, hazy later. Wind SE mainly moderate. Max 24C (75F), but cooler on coasts.

☐ **Midlands, NW England, Lakes:** Sunny spells. Risk of showers by evening. Wind SE light or moderate. Max 26C (79F)

☐ **N Wales, IoM, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, N Ireland:** Bright start, but rain spreading from west. Wind S or SE moderate or fresh falling light. Max 22C (72F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Dry, with bright or sunny spells. Wind S or SE fresh or strong, perhaps gale. Max 18C (64F), locally 21C (70F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland:** Cloudy. Rain becoming persistent and locally heavy. Wind S fresh or strong decreasing light variable. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Outlook:** Rain or showers. Brighter in the west later.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9.7	-	20	68	s
Anglesey	12.9	-	23	73	s
Aspatria	10.2	-	23	73	s
Aviemore	9.7	-	21	70	s
Belfast	9.9	-	21	70	s
Birmingham	11.0	-	25	77	s
Bognor R	13.9	-	23	73	s
Bristol	12.0	-	24	75	s
Buxton	13.5	-	21	70	s
Cardiff	13.8	-	24	75	s
Cromer	13.5	-	18	64	s
Dunbar	10.1	-	22	72	s
Eastbourne	13.6	-	21	70	s
Edinburgh	10.1	-	22	72	s
Exmouth	12.2	-	20	68	s
Falmouth	13.4	-	18	64	s
Fishguard	12.0	-	24	75	s
Folkestone	13.8	-	23	73	s
Glasgow	8.5	-	22	72	s
Guernsey	12.7	-	23	73	s
Hastings	13.0	-	23	73	s
Hayling I.	13.6	-	22	72	s
Herne Bay	12.7	-	21	70	s
Hove	11.3	-	22	72	s
Hunstanton	X	-	20	68	s
Isle of Man	12.9	-	19	66	s
Jersey	13.9	-	27	81	s
Kinloss	7.9	-	24	75	s
Leeds	10.6	-	23	73	s
Lerwick	6.6	0.01	17	63	s
Leuchars	10.7	-	22	72	s
Littlehmptn	13.0	-	23	73	s
London	12.3	-	24	75	s
Lowestoft	10.8	-	20	68	s
Manchester	12.6	-	24	75	s
Margate	14.0	-	21	70	s
Minehead	13.3	-	25	77	s
Morecambe	11.9	-	23	73	s
Norwich	12.8	-	2170		
Oxford	12.2	-	25	77	s
Penzance	X	-	21	70	s
Poole	14.5	-	23	73	s
Prestatyn	X	-	26	79	s
Ross-o-wye	10.8	-	26	79	s
Ryde	14.0	-	21	70	s
Salcombe	12.6	-	19	66	s
Sandown	13.4	-	21	70	s
Saunton Snd	11.6	-	25	77	s
Scarboro'	10.6	-	21	70	s
Shrewsbury	10.3	-	24	75	s
Skegness	13.7	-	19	66	s
Southport	12.4	-	24	75	s
Southsea	13.2	-	22	72	s
Stornoway	8.8	-	18	64	b
Swanage	13.3	-	19	66	s
Tiree	9.3	-	17	63	s
Torquay	12.3	-	21	70	s
Ventnor	13.4	-	20	68	s
West-s-mare	13.0	-	25	77	s
Weymouth	13.3	-	20	68	s

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s
Alex'dria	31	88	s
Algiers	29	84	s
Amst'dm	21	70	s
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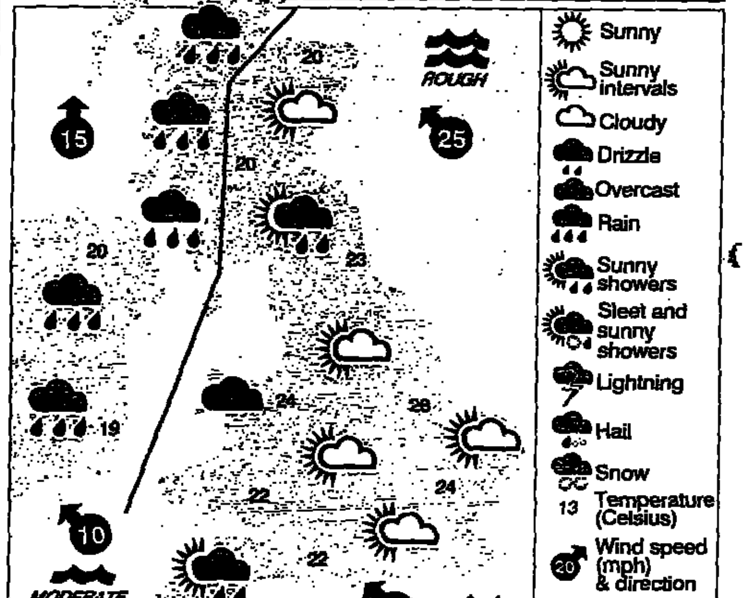

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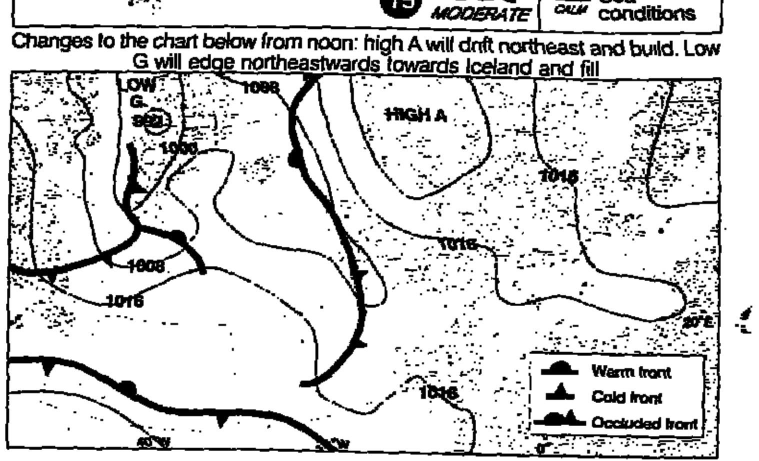

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Belfast	3.08	3.6	3.42	3.3
Cardiff	10.57	11.1	11.22	10.8
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Dover	2.55	6.4	3.17	6.5
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Walton-on-Naze	3.38	4.2	3.53	4.1

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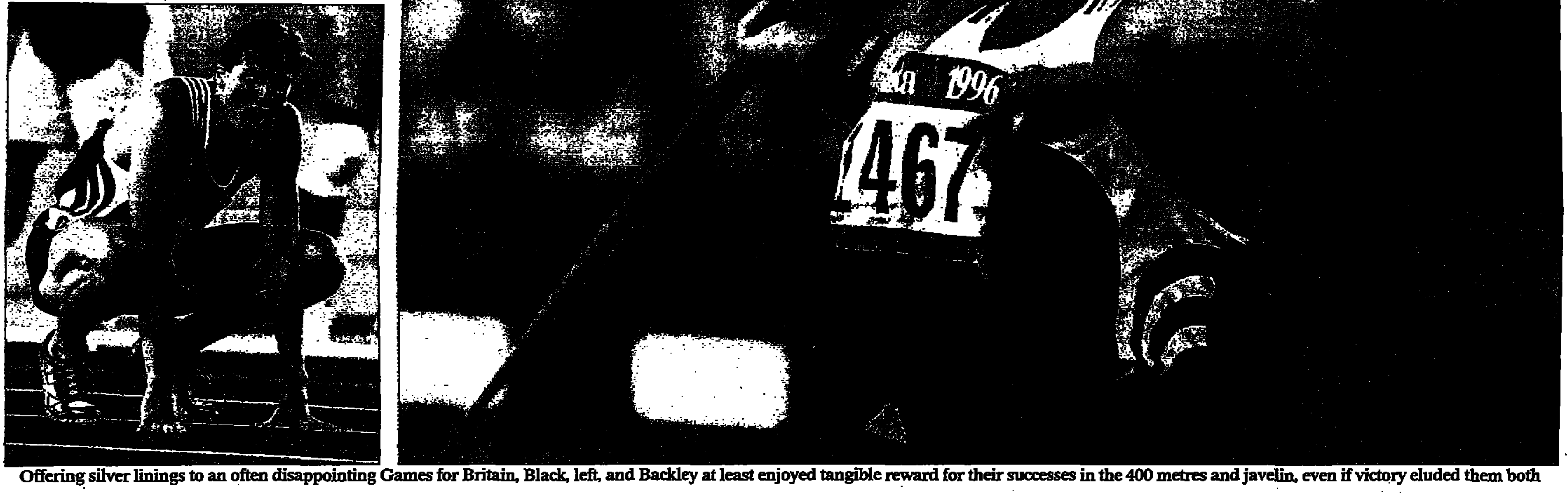
BRITAIN'S ATHLETES SHORT OF A RETURN TO THE GOLD STANDARD



Offering silver linings to an often disappointing Games for Britain, Black, left, and Backley at least enjoyed tangible reward for their successes in the 400 metres and javelin, even if victory eluded them both

Sport counts the cost

From David Powell
Athletics Correspondent
in Atlanta

FOR the third time in six Olympic Games, the Great Britain athletics team is returning home without a gold medal. In the past 30 years, only nine British athletes have stood on the top step of the Olympic podium and, as the number of nations participating increases and as the British Athletic Federation (BAF) struggles for funding to develop the sport while other national governing bodies enjoy government backing, the probability is that little will change unless investment is forthcoming.

Four silver medals and two bronze represent a fair Olympics, given the resources available. How more cheerful the mood might be had either Steve Backley, in the javelin, or the British men's 4 x 400 metres relay team been just one per cent or so better here on Saturday night. How less critical the media might have been of the overall team performance had, say, Jonathan Edwards not fouled on his big fifth and sixth-round efforts in the triple jump, where his distances from the start of his hop to landing appeared further than the winning jump. So little difference between no gold medals and three.

These Olympics have illustrated as well as any championship in recent years how thin is the line between success and failure. Argument, even with the benefit of the photograph, over whether Gail Devers or Merlene Ottey had crossed the line first in the women's 100 metres; the first five in the men's hammer separated by less than one and a half metres; the first three teams in the women's 4 x 400 metres relay covered by less than a quarter of a second. These are but three examples.

For Britain, the story is of frustrating near-misses, except in the case of Denise Lewis, who took the heptathlon bronze medal by the equivalent of less than half a second in the 800 metres, the last of her seven events over two days, and Roger Black, pleased to win the race-within-a-race to follow Michael Johnson over the line in the 400 metres. Backley, Britain's most consistently successful international championship performer since the last Olympics, was within a metre of an extraordinary success: only two months ago, he was on crutches after an operation on a ruptured Achilles tendon.

This was only Backley's third competition since his return. His was a race against time, so tight that he considered himself fortunate that his event was on the last day of the stadium track programme. The extra week of preparation worked in his favour, but he will wonder whether the 72 centimetres that separated him from the gold medal might have been bridged had he been able to train without interruption.

The British men's relay quartet broke the European record by almost a second, but were defeated by the United States (without Johnson) in a close race. Mark Richardson, who, on the third, ran the fastest of the four legs, underlined the difficulties British athletes are facing: "We are not competing on an equal footing any more. So many of our competitors are on government funding and a professional footing. A lot of our top-class athletes have to hold down full or part-time jobs."

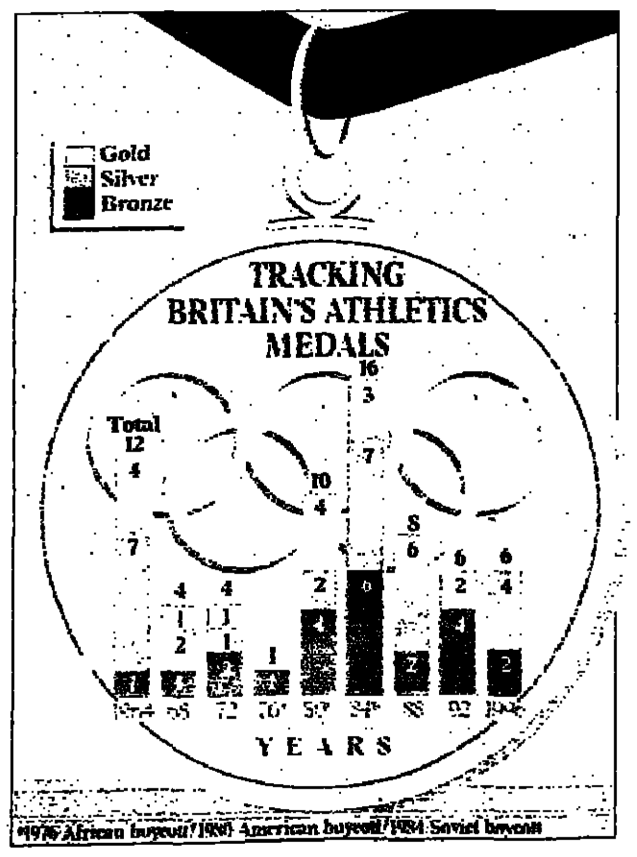
Malcolm Arnold, Britain's *head of coaching and development*, described the team performance — the worst in medal terms since 1976, when Brendan Foster's 10,000 metres bronze was the only success — as "better than the public and media expected" but called, again, for financial support. "Old attitudes, which formerly provided British success, are now out-moded," he said. "Britain will cease to be successful in the field of international sport unless there are radical changes.

"We have a hotch-potch of small, mainly inadequate, indoor arenas and one permanent indoor track in Glasgow. To survive the British winter, athletes need purpose-built, multi-sport indoor areas and arenas. Direct funding of current and potential athletes, coaches and their support services needs to be addressed. The BAF annual budget for coaching and development is equivalent to the amount a second division football manager might spend on a third-rate striker." As he did at the world championships last year, Arnold called for funding from the National Lottery.

Linford Christie, whose last international championship this was, said he would not would not want to work in the development of British athletics because, to his mind, it is not professional enough. Improved professionalism requires better funding. France and Germany are government-backed. Each won three gold medals.

The performances of the younger members of the British team here are encouraging for the next Olympics: Lewis, Steve Smith, Angela Thorp, Iwan Thomas, Paula Radcliffe, Ian Mackie. This month in Sydney, where the 2000 Olympics will take place, Britain's best teenage athletes will compete in the world junior championships. The best are on the line between success and failure four years hence.

As Arnold said: "If investment is not made quickly, we shall be another two years down the road to Sydney 2000." Which side of the line today's teenagers end up depends on how much help they are given now.



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Briton's hopes of bronze set back

From Craig Lord

NICK GILLINGHAM, the British swimmer who finshed fourth in the 200 metres breaststroke, put celebrations of an unexpected bronze medal on hold last night after the independent Court of *Arbitration for Sport* upheld an appeal against the disqualification of two Russians who tested positive for a banned stimulant.

Andrei Korneev, in the 200 metres breaststroke, and Zafar Gulyov, in the 48kg class in Greco-Roman wrestling, both won bronze medals before it was discovered they had taken Bromantan, a psychostimulant used by Russian cosmonauts that reduces feelings of fatigue and is also thought to be used as a masking agent for other substances.

After the positive test, Fina, the international governing body for swimming, realigned the result and announced that Gillingham would be awarded the bronze.

Jean-Filipe Rochat, who presided over the six-day appeal, said that the matter was now in the hands of the international governing bodies. Fina could stick with its earlier decision but if it does not, Gillingham, 29 and now retired from the sport, said yesterday he will himself appeal to the court.

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OLYMPIC GAMES: BACKLEY AND 4 X 400 RELAY SQUAD KEEP BRITAIN AMONG MEDALS AS ATHLETICS PROGRAMME DRAWS TO CLOSE

Black unable to take advantage of golden chance

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN ATLANTA

FOR the younger members in the Great Britain 4 x 400 metres relay team, those whose finest moments are to come hopefully, taking silver medals in the final track race of the Olympic Games on Saturday brought smiles all round. For Roger Black, smiling was not quite so easy.

This was his last chance, probably, of an Olympic gold medal. Although he has said he will continue to compete for as long as his body will permit, he will be 34 come Sydney in 2000. Arriving here, he had gold medals from every championship except the Olympics.

Black took the 400 metres individual silver on the fourth day here. The crowning glory would have been gold in the relay, the final affirmation of a magnificent career. When the United States announced on Friday that Michael Johnson, the athlete of the Games, had withdrawn through injury, the Great Britain quartet suddenly had a chance of the ultimate prize.

Black called the young braves into his room. Iwan Thomas, 22, and not even an athlete five years ago; Jamie Baulch, 23, who at the time of the last Games was preparing to help Britain to win sprint relay gold at the junior world championships; Mark Richardson, 24, fifth in the 1995 world championships but cast out of a probable individual place here when a victim of food poisoning.

"I sat them down and gave them a bit of a history lesson," Black said. "I had to tell them what a great chance we had." Britain had not won an Olympic relay since 1936, when Freddie Wolff, Godfrey Rampling, Bill Roberts and Godfrey Brown defeated the United States in the 4 x 400 metres.

At the 1991 world championships in Tokyo, Britain upset the Americans again, and it was their time then, 2min 57.53sec, which Thomas, Baulch, Richardson and Black, running in that order, erased on Saturday as the European record, finishing in 2min 56.60sec.

Britain had, as Richardson said, run "out of their skins". Thomas, from blocks, 44.92sec, Baulch 44.19, Richardson 43.62, Black 43.87. It was a measure of their effort that the Americans, each with a personal best better than Black's British record, could be sure of victory only in the final 50 metres.

Yet Black, though recognising the quality of the performance, was not overwhelmed.

"This does not compare to Tokyo," he said. "To be second in the Olympics is fantastic, but it is not the same as winning."

Earlier, Backley had won silver in the javelin. His first-round throw of 87.44 metres stood through the competition as his best and better than all but the second-round effort of 88.18 metres from Jan Zelezny, the world record-holder from the Czech Republic. Thus, the order from the world championships last year was repeated.

Backley stands now as Britain's most consistently successful athlete. Commonwealth and European titles in 1994 and, now, silver medals from successive global championships. Aged 27, he is young enough to return at the next Games and try to complete his set of Olympic medals — bronze in 1992, silver here.

"This has got to be my best ever performance," Backley said. As the season was beginning, and Zelezny was throwing a world record 98.48 metres, Backley was recovering from an operation to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon. He might have doubted that he could get back in time for Atlanta but Kevin Lidlow, his physiotherapist, was adamant he would be ready. Backley believed him.

Kelly Holmes, runner-up in the 1,500 metres at the world championships last year, leaves Atlanta with the feeling that injury may have cost her gold. She finished fourth in the 800 metres but it was the 1,500 metres in which she had the greater potential. She finished eleventh, having run six races with a hairline fracture of her lower left leg.

"I cannot think of any other athlete who could have done it," Malcolm Brown, the team doctor, said. Holmes left the track on crutches. Of those who reached the final, an injury-free Holmes would have had only the eventual winner, Svetlana Masterkova, from Russia, to fear. In the European Cup in June, Holmes had given Masterkova a close race over 800 metres. Two months on, and without the curse of injury, she might have beaten her.

In the men's marathon yesterday, Richard Nerurkar was fifth, but disappointed he did not supply Britain with a medal from the last event of the athletics programme. He was with the leaders through 15 miles but suffered a stomach problem from which he did not recover until 20 miles. By that time, the eventual medal-winners had broken away.

In the closest of all Olympic men's marathon finishes, eight seconds covering the first three, Josia Thugwane provided South Africa with its first black Olympic champion. Thugwane recorded 2hr 12min 36sec, ahead of Lee Bong-ju, from Korea, and Eric Wainaina, of Kenya.

GARY HERSHORN

Morceli, centre, sprints clear in the 1,500 metres final as El Guerrouj tumbles to the track, forcing those around him to take evasive action

Morceli secures his place among greats

David Miller watches one of the world's finest athletes fulfil his Olympic goal in a race marred by the fall of his chief rival

Nurmi, Lovelock, Elliott, Snell, Keino, Walker, Coe; the illustrious cavalcade of Olympic champions in the 1,500 metres was incomplete without one of history's finest runners, Noureddine Morceli, of Algeria. Three times world champion, world record-holder at four distances, with the four fastest 1,500 metres times ever run, the only gap in his CV was an Olympic title.

When at last it arrived, it was a sad anticlimax, for everyone but him. The Atlanta final was an echo of the Mary Decker-Zola Budd controversy in the women's 3,000 metres at Los Angeles. With just over a lap to go, Hicham El Guerrouj, of Morocco, intent on shadowing Morceli stride for stride, closed in behind him too sharply as the Algerian led towards the bell.

El Guerrouj spiked Morceli's heel and fell in a heap, nearly bringing down with him the three runners immediately behind: Fermin Cacho, the defending champion, of Spain, Stephen Kipkorir, of Kenya, and the veteran Abdi Bile, of Somalia. Morceli half-stumbled, recovered his balance within two strides, and with half a glance over his shoulder at the carnage behind him, sped into a five-yard lead over Cacho entering the penultimate bend.

Cacho hurdled the prostrate El Guerrouj, Kipkorir sidestepped him, Bile briefly dodged into the flowers bordering the inside lane. Laban Rotich, of Kenya, who ran the fastest heat ever in the first round, his colleague, William Tanui, and Marko Koers, of Holland, swerved around him, but the natural rhythm and the drama of the race had fallen apart. Many had believed that the 21-year-old Moroccan, who had the year's second-fastest time a fraction behind Morceli's 3min 29.50sec, was capable of victory: of denying Morceli the title that went begging in Barcelona, where he finished a dejected seventh while Cacho stole the glory in front of his own people with the slowest victory in 36 years.

Though unbeaten since 1992, except in one 800 metres race two years ago, Morceli, at 26, was possibly vulnerable to El Guerrouj's staying power.

From the gun, Kipkorir and Morceli went straight into the lead, holding that position ahead of Rotich with three laps to go. Biding his time at the back was Bile, now 33, but enjoying a sudden revival, with a time of 3min 33.12sec in the semi-final. Bile had been disqualified for pushing in the semi-final at Los Angeles, had won the world championship of 1987 and the World Cup two years later, but missed Seoul and Barcelona through injury. Twenty members of his family had died in Somalia's civil war. It required a different kind of spirit from most others for him to be here now.

The first lap went by in a moderate 61sec, and now all three Kenyans had moved in front ahead of Morceli who was there with his Moroccan shadow at his shoulder. With two laps to go, Bile had come through to join the front pack. Down the penultimate back straight, Bile was jostling with Cacho and El Guerrouj behind Morceli, who now made his move to the front.

Down the home straight they came, with one lap to go: Morceli in control, Cacho comfortably in place behind, eyes down, knowing what would be required to achieve a medal of any colour this time. Then El Guerrouj made his blunder.

Round the next bend, Cacho was attempting to stay in touch with Morceli, Bile was battling side by side with Kipkorir, but could not hold him. Down the last back straight, the order opened out: Morceli, Cacho and another six or seven yards between him and Kipkorir and Bile. Around the last bend, Kipkorir strode clear of Bile, who was now fading fast, all three Kenyans striding clear into the home straight and that was how it stayed, with Kipkorir taking the bronze.

The title was Morceli's, never mind a relatively slow 3min 35.78sec, only a fraction faster than Rotich in the first round and way behind Coe's Olympic record of 3min 32.53sec.

History tends not to remember times, only names. Morceli's is now there alongside the greats who came before him.

El Guerrouj, meanwhile, paid for his error by coming last, just behind John Mayock, of Britain.

Backley makes it all worthwhile

MATTHEW BOND ON THE TELEVISION MARATHON

What a nice chap that Steve Backley is. Not only throws the javelin a devil of a long way, but always has a word for the people who think they made it all possible — us.

"Any message for the folks back home?" Stuart Storey, at trackside, asked.

"Yes," Backley said, flashing one of those silver medal-winning smiles that he and Roger Black do so well: "Thanks for staying up. I know it's very late back there."

At last, someone who appreciated our efforts. It was 2.30am on night 15 of the Atlanta Games and I was already getting a little tearful. The closing ceremony was still 24 hours away. Scary.

All this talk of the lateness of the hour was too much for David Coleman. An hour or so earlier he had provided one of the truly excruciating moments of the centennial Olympics with an impersonation of how Bruny Surin, the Canadian sprinter, might have encouraged his relay team-mate, Donovan Bailey, on to the gold medal. It went something like: "Hey man, go away and win it," and, yes, Coleman did have a stab at the accent. Now that really was scary.

But that was then and this was still 2.30am. "Please, perlease," Coleman begged, "don't got to bed. There's still one track event left ... and that gets underway in 15 minutes' time." Now, at that time of night, 15 minutes seems like an entire synchronised swimming competition — but what the heck. It was the penultimate night, Coleman was begging. Des Lynam had stayed up specially ... and the women's high jump was still going on.

When did women high jumpers become so beautiful is one of those great unanswerable Olympic questions, along with when did Saudi Arabians get good at showjumping, or why rhythmic gymnastics? Whatever the reason, women's high jump has become the most extraordinary event, with the medals disputed by an endless succession of long-limbed athletes, most of whom look as if they should be on the catwalk rather than heels over head on a bouncy rubber air-bag. I spent a happy 15 minutes transferring my affections between Inha Bubokova, of Ukraine, and Niki Bakogianni, of Greece — and back again.

Talking of sex (in the gender sense, of course) it is about time that the BBC — so perfectionist when it comes to the rights and wrongs of pronunciation — comes up with a definitive ruling on what male commentators call female athletes. Paul Dickenson had a bit of think about it as the high jumpers cantered towards him on Sunday morning ... and came up with "performers — especially towards the latter stages". I'm still not sure what that means.

But it can be added to the "little girls" that Barry Davies used for female gymnasts under five feet in height; to the "girls, I mean women" of Nigel Starmer-Smith whenever he remembered Cathy Harris was alongside him at the hockey, and to "the ladies" that Andy Jameson insisted were tearing up and down the Olympic swimming pool. Let's have a little consistency please.

Talking of sexism (which, of course, we also were) the miracle is that the Games could have been much worse — especially if everyone had followed the example set at the beginning by Lynam and a cheerfully colluding Sharron Davies. The bronze medal for showing maximum restraint despite considerable provocation goes to Stuart Storey ... for not swooning at the sight of Brigita Bukovec, of Slovenia, in the women's 100 metre hurdles. The silver medal goes to Douggie Donnelly ... for his commendable restraint during the entire beach volleyball competition. And the gold medal?

The gold medal goes to Hugh Porter for this contribution during the final stages of the women's mountain-biking last week. It was a hot Atlanta day, cycling suits had been unzipped, singlets flapped and modesty was preserved — until Paolo Pezzo decided that her gold medal would arrive a little quicker if she crouched over the handle-bars. "Certainly been an emphatic display of display of ..." Porter faltered. "confidence." Certainly had.

Holland's nearly-men fulfil dream at last

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

HOLLAND'S long-held dream of winning the men's Olympic hockey gold medal was realised late on Friday night with a 3-1 victory over Spain in the final. At the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam, Holland were runners-up to India and again at Helsinki in 1952. They had also won three bronze medals.

Spain, who had qualified for the final with victories over Germany and Pakistan, played better hockey than Holland with delicate touches and superb control, but the second half proved again how lethal the short corner, more popularly known as the penalty corner, can be.

Victor Pujol had put Spain ahead in the 45th minute but, as in the 1990 World Cup final against Pakistan, Floris Bovelander transformed the match by converting two short corners. Holland added a third goal towards the end.

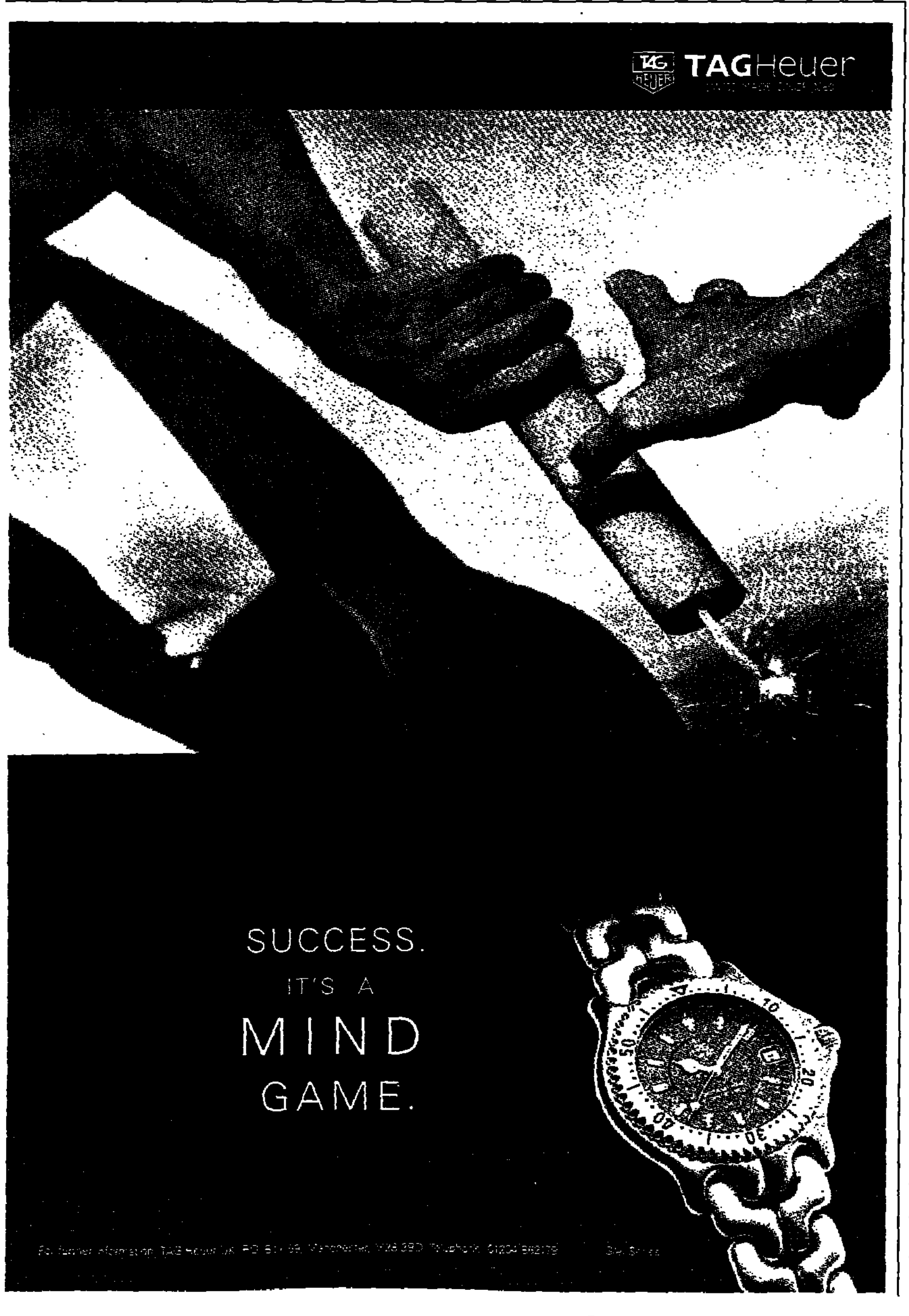
Holland played constructive hockey. Their steady build-up in midfield and quick burst from the 25-yard line posed many a threat. Bovelander, who had been overshadowed by Taco van den Honert, the wing forward, reserved his ammunition for the right moment and, between the 52nd and 55th minutes, he put his side on the road to victory.

Gregory Nicol and van den Honert were the tounrament's joint top scorers with seven goals, Holland having scored four from short corners and three from open play. Calum Giles, the Great Britain short-corner specialist, scored six.

Short corners also dominated the bronze medal play-off in which Australia scored all three goals from these awards to beat Germany 3-2 in a tight finish. The first of Germany's goals was also scored from a short corner.

From Saturday, the offside rule was abolished in order to provide more scope for goals from open play. However, Cedric de Souza, the India coach, is sceptical. "What we are about to see is a sequence of hard hitting from one end of the field to the other and the midfield area will be empty," he said.

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, Holland; 2, Spain; 3, Australia; 4, Germany; 5, South Korea; 6, Pakistan; 7, Great Britain; 8, India; 9, Argentina; 10, South Africa; 11, Malaysia; 12, United States.



OLYMPIC GAMES: AMERICA WAKES UP TO THE EMBARRASSING REALITY OF ITS BASKETBALL MILLIONAIRES

Dream Team becomes a nightmare

SIMON BARNES

Atlanta sketch

They do their dreaming differently over here. Back on the far side of the Atlantic, on those misty islands off the coast of Europe, dreaming is a matter of wild and misty mystery, and the great dreamers have more than a hint of madness about them: Lewis Carroll, James Joyce.

If we, the people of the islands, call someone a dreamer, or a dreamy fellow, we mean he is feckless, daft, impractical, out of touch with reality.

But in the United States, a dream is a very practical matter indeed. In some cases, it is nothing less than a business proposition. "Stay cool," Flo-Jo cooed to me when I asked her the secret of success. "Stay cool and follow your dream."

When Martin Luther King, late of this parish, said that he had a dream, he did not mean he had a fantasy. He spoke as a practical politician of the civil rights movement: a man who believed that changing the face of America was a realisable proposition.

The notion of the dream is part of the heartbeat of America: the culture of aspiration. And for the people of the United States, the Olympic Games are the dramatisation of the concept of the dream.

That is to say, achievement, reaching a goal. The struggle is only interesting in retrospect, as the route-mapping of success. Gallant failure is an oxymoron; the silver medal goes to the first loser. The urgent, almost neurotic need for success has been the keynote of these Games, so far as the people of the United States are concerned.

And so the Dream Team. This was a concept that enraptured America during the Olympic Games of Barcelona, four years ago. The rest of us were, at best, equivocal about these multi-millionaire basketballers strutting about in the Olympic Games; but you could hardly blame America for loving it. It was a schoolboy fantasy come to life: they really did select the World Team to play Mars.

Unfortunately, Mars did not send a team, and so the first Dreamers beat up on mighty nations like Angola and Lithuania. It went down a storm back home, and so did Dream Team II, which won the world championships two years later. But now to Dream Team III, and America has grown rather weary of it all.

It is a reassuringly grown-up reaction. The Dream Team went into the Games with the announcement that one of their number, Shaquille O'Neal, would receive $120 million (about £80 million) for playing basketball for seven years. That is practically the gross national product of some of the Dream Team's opponents and America, to its credit, squirmed.

> 'The darlings of Barcelona are a symbol of the Ugly American'

There is a phrase which makes Americans go all sensitive: the Ugly American. It is a stick with which they regularly beat themselves. The Ugly American is a creature frequently to be found abroad: loud, hectoring and eaten up with self-importance. At the Olympic Games on American soil, the subject of fierce and justified criticism from the rest of the world, the Dream Team and the darlings of Barcelona have become a symbol of the Ugly American. A colossal embarrassment, nothing less.

The players themselves felt it, shuffling to the final without extending themselves or enjoying themselves. The other nations, meanwhile, no longer had stars in their eyes at the glory of being on the same court, and sought to spoil and frustrate.

At last to the final, when the United States played Yugoslavia. The game was all right, as it happened. Yugoslavia actually led for most of the first half, and there was still only one point in it with 14 minutes left. After that the Dreamers, forced to play, forced to struggle, forced to fight — quite literally, in one spat — finally found their rhythm and pulled away to win 95-69.

Which dreamt it? That is the eternal question of Alice. Who, in the final analysis, was dreaming? Not the Dream Team. They had a practical task to do, and they performed it. This was not dreaming in a European sense. For us, they were the Reality Team.

American dominance is a reality in politics, economics and popular culture. "McDonald's: proud sponsors of dreams come true". It is the pretenders that are dreaming. The Yugoslav basketballers, all of us. In basketball, at least, the struggles are closer and more bitter.

If you cannot beat America, you can join it. That is why, once again, sport's powerbrokers, in a dream of dollars, voted to hold a major sporting event in the United States. And this time, it has all turned out to be rather embarrassing: for America and for the world. The Dream Team summarises that embarrassment.

That has been their function here and it has been a very useful one. They have, in effect, told America and the world to look elsewhere for the truth, for the real joys of the Olympic Games. For the fact is that, apart from the Dreamers and the pathetic organisation, these Olympics have been wonderful. And me, well, I have had the best seven days of sport I can remember.

Saturday: the 100 metres and Bailey's demented victory. Sunday: the mad intensity of the high jump competition. Monday: Nemov's routine on the high bar in the men's gymnastics. Tuesday: the roaring theatrics of superheavyweight weightlifting. Wednesday: the gorgeous precision of the Chinese female diver, Fu Mingxia. Thursday: the impossible running of Michael Johnson; the man in the golden shoes.

And all topped off with (forgive a horseman's maunderings) the glories of dressage. Esoteric: but there were 30,000 people there cheering. I wonder how many of them knew a passage from a piaffe.

If anything represented the best of America's response to the Games it was this: an understanding that the Olympics are not about the Dream Team's ritual victories, but about the struggle of the best against the best.

Britain had a dreadful Games, and so, in a different way, did the United States. But ultimately, the Games are about the realities of athletes, not the dreams of nations. I felt my spirits rise to a Russian gymnast, a Chinese diver, a British oarsman, a German horse, and, especially, an American runner. Such stuff as truths are made on.

YANNIS BEHRAKIS

The Dream Team won the tournament but are no longer the golden boys

Atlanta site that continues to inspire all races

Andrew Longmore watches the first black man to win gold for South Africa fittingly pass the birthplace of Martin Luther King in winning the marathon

As it turned out, Josia Thugwane would just have had time to break stride as he ran past No 501 Auburn Avenue on his road to history and still become the first black man to win gold for South Africa. But, with another 22 miles to go, he probably had more important things on his mind than the imposing brown-and-white weatherboarded house, with a swing on the porch and petunias in the front garden, in which Martin Luther King was born in 1928.

Nor, I doubt, would he have been aware of the other milestones marking his route. The Martin Luther King Junior centre for non-violent social change, the bronze sculpture of King inspired by the African ritual of lifting a new born child to the heavens and reciting the words: "behold the only thing greater than yourself"; the Ebenezer baptist church where King's father had been the pastor and his mother the musical director and the Odd Fellow building where a black philanthropist, Benjamin J.Davis, set up offices for talented young lawyers and businessmen in the 1920s.

A book recently published called *Where Auburn Avenue meets Peachtree Street* documents the often stormy relationship between the black and white business communities in Atlanta. Fittingly enough, Thugwane ran along both on his way to gold.

Only a select few gathered outside King's birthplace to watch the marathon runners pass. It was, after all, barely breakfast time on Sunday. There was me, a Japanese photographer, Rhona, a policewoman from Chicago, and her husband Rick wearing an "I have dream ..." T-shirt and a jazzy baseball hat, three Atlanta law enforcement officers — policemen to you and me — and Con Egan, who had seen King's house in the background while watching the women's marathon during the week.

"I thought then I had to come and watch it from here," he said. "It just seems right." Most of them shared a sense of suffering with the runners. Rick had proposed to Rhona in front of Cinderella's castle at the eight-mile mark on the Disney marathon 2½ years before, so this was a trip down memory lane. "I was too out of breath to say yes," Rhona said. But they were married anyway. They saved their loudest and longest burst of applause for the last man through.

Opposite, on the corner of Hogue Street, just in front of the concrete slab where the local dime store used to be, a crew from Two Televisions Limited brought the world a rare glimpse of Atlanta's true contribution to history. Well before the first brick was laid for the Coca-Cola building, the first transmission aerial erected on CNN Tower or the first hazy image had flitted through the mind of Billy Payne, the values which would lead to the fulfilment of Atlanta's Olympic vision had been set down in the kitchen and living-room of 501 Auburn Avenue. Without the semblance of "unity in diversity", as the city slogan boasts, Atlanta would not have been able to win the heads, let alone the hearts, of the International Olympic Committee.

Sadly, few of the Olympic dollars being blown around Atlanta seem to have fallen onto the pavements of Auburn Avenue. Only at its western end, at the crossroads with Peachtree Street, just past the mural which depicts the newspaper accounts of white riots against blacks in 1909, does the tone of the neighbourhood change for the wealthier.

The rest could do with a facelift, as King would no doubt have reflected had he been alive to see Atlanta's other dream come true. The house next door to King's birthplace is peeling and faded, unoccupied and plastered with posters warning that "violators will be prosecuted".

When the circus has left town and the costs, including two deaths, counted, the organisers might reflect that too much was done in the name of commerce, too little in the name of history. Forget minor inconveniences such as missing buses and incompetent officials, these Games have searched in vain to find dignity and soul. It took a black mineworker from Cape Town two hours, 12 minutes and 36 seconds to show us where those precious qualities can be found, not in the hawkers' paradise of Centennial Park but in the fading photos of 501 Auburn Avenue.

The marathon passes the weatherboarded house where the American civil rights leader was born

Britain's best just not good enough to lift gloom

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR

ANY lingering hope of a showjumping medal to compensate for Great Britain's disastrous showing in the Olympic equestrian events here vanished yesterday when — despite a last-minute rush to Mass by Ronnie Massarella, the team manager — the three Britons in the individual final all incurred four faults in the opening round.

Nick Skelton, John Whitaker and Geoff Billington did not jump badly, it was simply that others jumped better. Ten riders completed clear rounds over the 12-fence course, leaving the 15 on four faults with no realistic chance of a medal. "If I rode it again I wouldn't do anything different," Billington said. "You can't blame the going or the course — it was just bad luck."

The competition had looked wide open at the start of the day. The two main protagonists were absent; Ludger Beerbaum, the defending champion from Germany, whose mare, Ratina, sustained a leg injury in Thursday's team event, and his compatriot Franke Sloothaak, the world champion, who failed to qualify.

Linda Allen, already acclaimed for her imaginative course for the team event, produced another inspired track that relied on technical questions rather than huge fences. Heavy early morning rain, though, had made the going soggy with puddles lying on the sand arena and, because of the conditions, the time allowed for the competition was extended — too generously as it transpired.

Skelton, drawn second, was faultless over the first half but, just he looked set to compensate for his poor showing in the team event, his mare, Showtime, faulted at the penultimate fence, the 14ft 10in-wide water jump, just as she had done in both rounds on Thursday. With frustrating consistency, Whitaker, on Welham, also made the same mistake as on Thursday, incurring four faults at the last fence. "He was jumping well. I don't know why he did it." Whitaker said.

Billington, who has put every ounce of effort into his performance here, incurred his four faults at fence eight, The Bixby Bridge Liverpool. He thought It's Otto may have just lost concentration after the 30,000-strong crowd had burst out clapping when he jumped clear through the previous fence, the difficult New Orleans Triple Combination.

Meanwhile, Germany, despite the loss of their two best riders, produced the first clear round through Lars Nieberg, on For Pleasure. This was swiftly followed by a second from the European champion, Peter Charles, of Ireland, on Beneton. With a further eight faultless rounds joining those on four faults in the second and final round it looked as if Allen's aim — for the medals to be decided in a jump-off — would be fulfilled.

☐ Germany continued their domination of the dressage contest when Isabell Werth, on Gigolo, added the individual gold medal to their world and European titles after a sparkling performance in Saturday's final round, the Freestyle to Music.

Anky van Grunsven, of Holland, on Bonfire, who had been in the lead after the second round, had to settle for the silver medal after making untypical mistakes in her new musical programme. Her compatriot Sven Rothenberger, on Weyden, who formerly rode for Germany, took the bronze.

Cubans take double in ring

FELIX SAVON and Ariel Hernandez gave Cuba its first boxing golds of the Olympics on Saturday by retaining the titles they won four years ago.

Savon, a five-times world champion, who is unbeaten internationally in ten years, beat Nigerian-born Canadian David Defiagbon 20-2 in the heavyweight contest.

"He's the greatest," said Defiagbon, who said his coaches had detected a weakness in Savon's technique that they had hoped would allow him to crack the Cuban's defence. If there was a weakness, it was not apparent.

Middleweight Hernandez, also a world champion and rated pound-for-pound the best amateur in the world, beat Malik Beyleroglu, from Turkey, 11-3 in a less exciting contest.

Two other Cubans — out of a total seven finalists — settled for silver, beaten by the Hungarian bantamweight, Istvan Kovacs, and the Russian welterweight, Oleg Saitov.

Kovacs, a former world champion, said he might now turn professional after beating Arnaldo Mesa 14-7. Saitov beat Juan Hernandez, a silver medal-winner in 1992 and no relation to Ariel, in a composed 14-9 win.

New deal

Athletics: A day after winning her last Olympic medal, Jackie Joyner-Kersee talked a future that may include basketball. Joyner-Kersee is toying with the idea of playing in one of the new US professional women's leagues.

Call to women

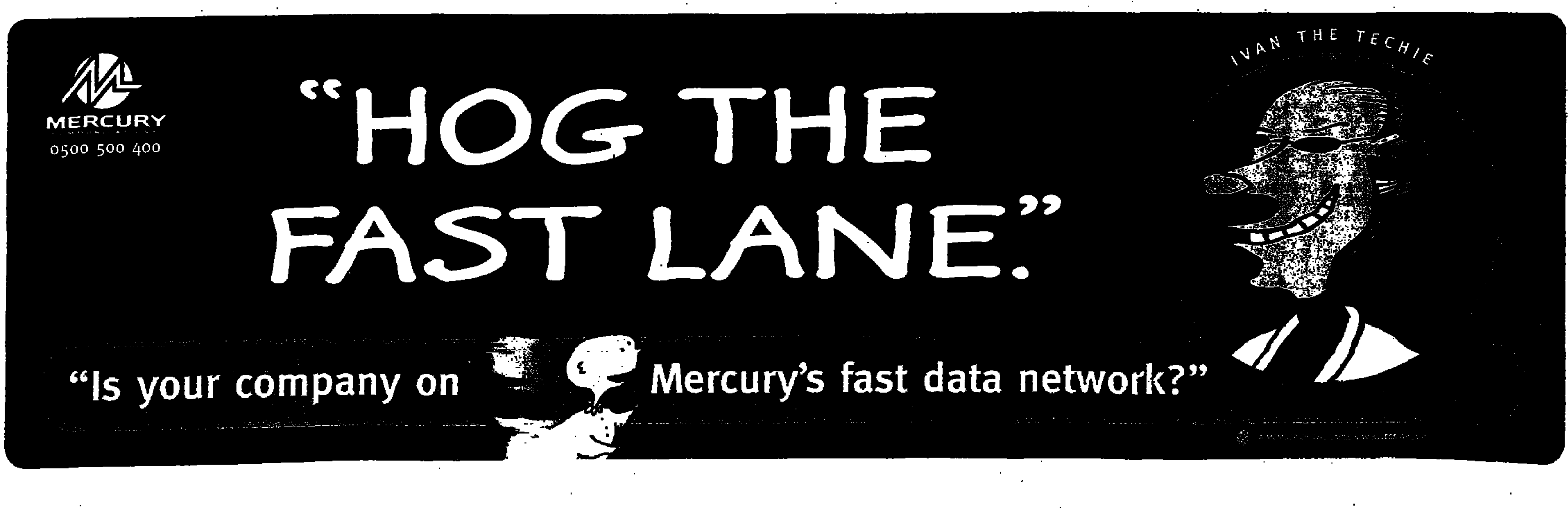
Boxing: Amateur boxing organisers are studying plans to have women fighters in the Olympics by the year 2004. "Women could save the sport," the International Amateur Boxing Association president, Anwar Chowdhry, said on Saturday.

Nigeria joy

Football: Nigeria became the first African team to win the Olympic tournament when they scored a controversial, late goal to beat Argentina 3-2 in the final on Saturday. Nigeria's military government declared today a public holiday to celebrate.

Ali's medal

Boxing: Muhammad Ali has been presented with an Olympic gold medal to replace the one he threw into a river in disgust after returning from the 1960 Games in Rome.



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CYCLING: INDURÁIN CONSIDERS FUTURE AFTER CROWNING BRILLIANT CAREER WITH TIME-TRIAL GOLD

Boardman plans finest hour to follow bronze

From Andrew Longmore in Atlanta

NOT satisfied with finishing the Tour de France for the first time and adding a bronze medal in the individual time-trial to his gold from Barcelona, Chris Boardman could mount a challenge for the hour record, the ultimate test of endurance, over the next month.

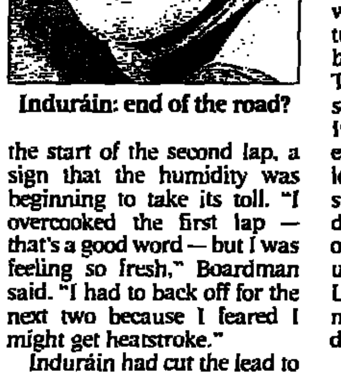
Boardman held the record two years ago, before Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, in a leap of Bob Beamon proportions, put it almost out of sight with an average speed of just under 55.3 kilometres per hour.

"Gold would have salvaged my year after a disappointing Tour," Boardman said after finishing 31 seconds behind the gold medal-winner, Miguel Induráin, of Spain. "But two things now haven't gone well and I still want to get something out of the year."

Ever thorough, Boardman has already tested himself over 20 minutes to see if the target was realistic. "I averaged 55kph, which suggests I am within shouting distance of the record at least. But it requires a lot of organisation and I'll have to do a lot more research to see if I'm physically capable of doing it."

A successful attack on the hour would raise Boardman's standing in France, home of his sponsors, Gan, after his hopes of finishing in the top 20 of the Tour had been left battered and bruised on the slopes of the Alps. On the Continent, the hour record is regarded as second only to victory in the Tour in terms of prestige. But the fact that Boardman is turning his mind to the hour and to the next Olympic Games, in Sydney, where he says there will be "no compromise" in his attempt to win a second gold, suggests that his long-term aim of winning the Tour is receding fast. "It's a dot in the distance, not completely out of sight."

Oppressive heat and the relentless determination of the Spaniards, Induráin and Abraham Olano, the silver medal-winner, stifled Boardman's early charge for a second gold medal on Saturday. Eighteen seconds ahead of Induráin after the first of the four 12km laps, Boardman threw off his helmet as he crossed the finishing line for the start of the second lap, a sign that the humidity was beginning to take its toll. "I overcooked the first lap — that's a good word — but I was feeling so fresh," Boardman said. "I had to back off for the next two because I feared I might get heatstroke."



Induráin: end of the road?

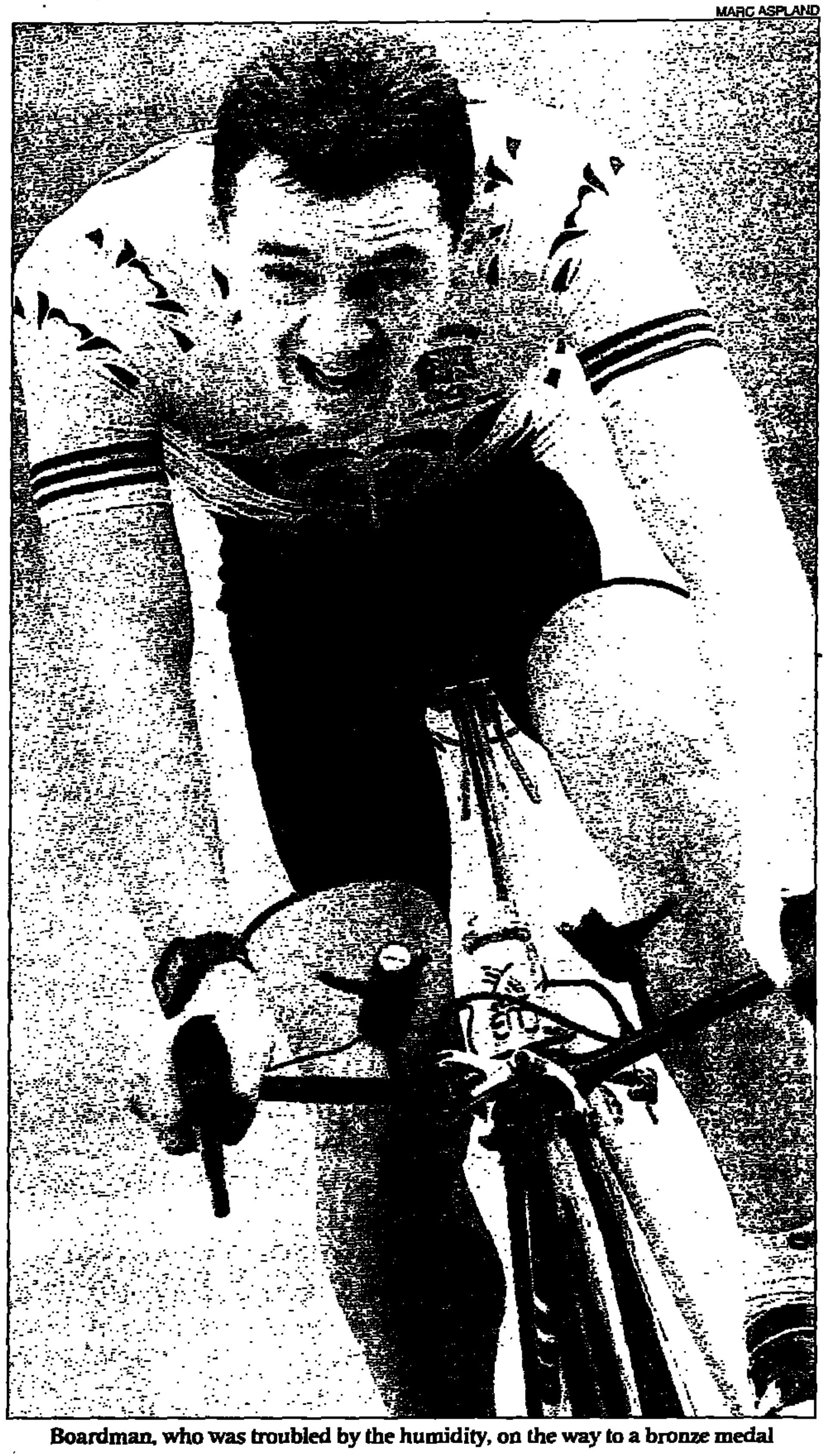
Induráin had cut the lead to three seconds by halfway and took it soon afterwards, resisting a final challenge from Olano to win by 12 seconds and, quite possibly, to bring the career of cycling's greatest champion to a golden end. Rumours that the big Navarran will announce his retirement soon are growing stronger by the day. Now that he has a gold medal to put into his collection of five straight victories in the Tour de France, there can be little else to aim for. Miguel Jr, not yet one, sat happily on his mother's knee at the back of a chaotic victory press conference, a reminder that his life is no longer all cycling.

"At the moment it is not clear whether I will be riding the Tour next year," Induráin said. "I will keep in training, see how it feels and then decide what will happen." It was hardly an emphatic commitment, but who knows how deep the waters run in Induráin's gentle mind? A winter on his farm near Pamplona might yet recharge the batteries and render Boardman's claim that the Spaniard is about to retire no more than wishful thinking.

Yet if that was the last we shall see of the Spaniard, it was a fitting epitaph. Time-trials had always been the basis of his invincibility on the Tour. On the undulating streets of suburban Atlanta, Induráin was back in his element, riding with the relentless rhythm and the half-smile which characterised his days of dominance. The memory of the forlorn figure toiling up the final three kilometres to Les Arcs, a champion no more, receded into the distance.

"He's such a superb athlete and he wanted to win this," Boardman said. "But the real problem is that he's a really nice bloke as well. You can't get angry enough with him to want to beat him."

MARC ASPLAND



Boardman, who was troubled by the humidity, on the way to a bronze medal

Dailey ready to ring changes in pursuit of success

From Peter Bryan

DOUG DAILEY, the national coach responsible for Great Britain's Olympic cycling team, will have spent much of the ten hours' flying time from Atlanta pondering how to improve the track squad's prospects in time for the world championships in Manchester.

He needs to find the answers quickly; less than a month remains in which to make changes to an Olympic line-up that failed not only to win a medal but performed below the standards achieved in training.

"My thinking is that there will have to be some changes," Dailey said before leaving the Olympic Village. He added that he also wanted to prepare a revised training schedule for his short-listed riders.

Dailey has had one problem area — the 4,000 metres individual pursuit — already resolved for him. Chris Boardman, who won the bronze medal in the 52 kilometres individual road time-trial on Saturday, confirmed after a superb ride that he is ready to be drafted into the track team.

There will be no quibbles with that. When Boardman commits himself, he generally delivers. He won the pursuit at the Barcelona Games, finished third to Graeme Obree in the 1993 world championship, and became world pursuit champion the following year.

It might well be Boardman to the rescue again in a revised composition of the 4,000 metres pursuit squad, that is also due for change.

Boardman rarely involves himself in controversy but, after the time-trial, he questioned the wisdom of using a technically difficult circuit which, as he had correctly forecast, became dangerous in places when a downpour gave the road a surface like a skidpan. He still carries both the physical and mental scars of his crash in the rain-soaked prologue to the Tour de France last year.

Miguel Induráin, after his disappointing Tour de France, reinstated himself as the master time-trial rider in Atlanta. He finished the first of the 13-kilometre laps 18 seconds adrift of Boardman, but had narrowed the gap to three seconds by the end of lap two. The Briton had lost the lead on the third circuit and Induráin took the bell 12 seconds ahead.

On the final lap, the Spaniard pushed further ahead and his compatriot, Abraham Olano, climbed to second place with Induráin winning the first Olympic "open" time-trial in 1hr 4min 5sec, an average speed of 48.87kph.

Yvonne McGregor, the British time-trial champion, never got to grips with the demanding circuit and finished fourteenth in the women's 26 kilometres event, won by Zulfia Zabirova, of Russia, who had finished sixth in the women's road race.

Britain basks in silver afterglow

From Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

IT HAS been a good Games for British sailing. In the end the team came away with two silver medals but it was so close to another bronze, which slipped away on the last day of competition. Had Andy Beadsworth, Barry Parkin and Adrian Stead been on their usual form in the Soling match-racing, we would be able to write about one of Britain's best ever performances.

Nevertheless, there was nothing to be ashamed of in Savannah. Only Brazil, with two golds and a silver, won more medals than Britain. Britain was among six countries with two medals, while no less than 15 other countries came away with just one. Britain was a serious player in five classes and could so easily have gone on to win medals in all of them.

The team showed strength in depth and banished the ghosts of Barcelona where it had to make do with a solitary bronze, for Lawrie Smith in the Solings.

This time the two hottest tips for medals, Ben Ainslie, in the Lasers, and John Merricks and Ian Walker, in the 470s, both came through. Ainslie is now already well on the way to becoming the next big star in British yacht racing and his thrilling battle with Robert Scheidt, of Brazil, captured the public imagination in a way yacht racing has rarely done before.

Merricks and Walker were not on their best form, but again showed their class by being able to grind out a result, while carrying three or four poor finishes which would have been enough to sink others with less fighting spirit and self-belief. Like Ainslie, who is just 19, they are young and represent a good investment for the future.

Of the others, Beadsworth's near miss was the least predictable. He has sailed with increasing authority in the Solings and came to Savannah fired-up after winning at Hilton Head a few weeks earlier. In the event he did not sail to his true potential after looking very comfortable in the fleet. Medals in Solings, though, are not often won at the first attempt and Beadsworth may have another go in Sydney.

Some may say that two medals are not enough. However, the spread of countries indicates that the sailing world is broadening dramatically with top-class performers emerging in nations not associated with Olympic success in the past. Spain, which won five medals in Barcelona, including four golds, had to make do with two golds this time, while the United States had a difficult time in home waters, notching up two bronzes in comparison with its nine medals in Barcelona.

Rod Carr, the British team manager, was clearly disappointed to see Beadsworth's chance slip away, but generally he was satisfied with the results of the best-funded and organised Olympic campaign ever mounted by the Royal Yachting Association. "I think we've done a good job. I think the preparation and support that the sailors had, has built a platform from which medals could be won," he said.

Carr added that he did not believe the decision to go for early selection this time — last August instead of early summer this year — made that much difference to the outcome. "I don't think it's an issue. We've had the right people in all the classes, with two different systems at the last two Games. I have to say I favour the early system but I don't think it's had a material effect," he said.

YESTERDAY IN ATLANTA

Athletics

Men's marathon

1. J Thugwane (SA) 2hr 12min 36sec, 2, Bong-Ju Lee (S Kor) 2:12.39. 3, E Wainaina (Ken) 2:12.44. 4, M Fiz (Sp) 2:13.20. 5, R Nerurkar (GB) 2:13.39. 6, G Silva (Mex) 2:14.29. 7, S Moneghetti (Aus) 2:14.35; 8, B Paredes (Mex) 2:14:55. 9, D Goffi (It) 2:15.08. 10, L A dos Santos (Br) 2:15.55. 11, C Gnsales (Col) 2:15.56. 12, Yi-yong Kim (S Kor) 2:16.17. 13, T Chimusasa (Zim) 2:16.31. 14, A Pinto (Por) 2:16.41. 15, D Ceron (Mex) 2:16.48. 16, M Kalombo (Zaire) 2:17.01. 17, S Wade (NZ) 2:17.04. 18, A Juzdado (Sp) 2:17.24. 19, H Taniguchi (Japan) 2:17.26. 20, S Bettiol (It) 2:17.27. 21, P Fonseca (Can) 2:17.28. 22, R Vera (Ec) 2:17.40. 23, R de Highden (Aus) 2:17.42. 24, J L Molina (C Rica) 2:17.49; 25, Domingos Castro (Por) 2:18.03. 26, T Marzouri (Tun) 2:18.06. 27, L Peu (SA) 2:18.09. 28, K Brantly (US) 2:18.17. 29, T Ralekhetla (Les) 2:18.26. 30, P Stefanov (Bul) 2:18.29. 31, R Kempainen (US) 2:18.38. 32, H Hanninen (Fin) 2:18.41; 33, G Thys (SA) 2:18.56. 34, S Quilty (Aus) 2:19.35. 35, C Nelson (Can) 2:19.39. 55, P Whitehead (GB) 2:22.37. 60, S Brace (GB) 2:22.28

Canoeing

Men's 500m Canadian singles

FINAL: 1, M Doktor (Cz) 1min 49.93sec. 2, S Knazovicky (Slovakia) 1.50.51; 3, I Pulai (Hun) 1.50.75. 4, M Slivinskyy (Ukr) 1.51.71. 5, T Zereske (Ger) 1.52.35. 6, C Frederiksen (Den) 1.52.84; 7, K Negodyayev (Kaz) 1.53.15. 8, S Giles (Can) 1.53.32. N Bukhalov (Bul) disqualified

Men's 500m Canadian pairs

FINAL: 1, Hungary (C Horvath and G Kolonics) 1.40.42. 2, Moldova (N Juravschi and V Reneischi) 1.40.45. 3, Romania (G Andriev and G Obreja) 1.41.33. 4, Germany 1.41.76. 5, Bulgaria 1.42.20. 6, Russia 1.42.49; 7, Spain 1.43.57. 8, Slovakia 1.44.11. 9, Belorussia 1.46.84

Men's 500m kayak singles

FINAL: 1, A Rossi (It) 1.37.42. 2, K Holmann (Nor) 1.38.33; 3, P Markiewicz (Pol) 1.38.61. 4, G Magyar (Rom) 1.38.97. 5, L Lwowski (Ger) 1.39.30. 6, M Garcia (Sp) 1.40.04. 7, M Kolehmainen (Fin) 1.40.33. 8, R Erban (Slovakia) 1.40.40. 9, C McFadzean (AUS) 1.41.02.

Men's 500m kayak pairs

FINAL: 1, Germany (K Bluhm and T Gutsche) 1.28.69. 2, Italy (B Bonomi and D Scarpa) 1.28.72. 3, Australia (D Collins and A Trim) 1.29.40. 4, Russia 1.29.67. 5, Poland 1.29.93. 6, Hungary 1.30.00. 7, Romania 1.30.05. 8, Bulgaria 1.30.51. 9, Denmark 1.30.75

Women's 500m kayak singles

FINAL: 1, R Koban (Hun) 1.47.65. 2, C Brunet (Can) 1.47.89. 3, J Idem (It) 1.48.73. 4, B Fischer (Ger) 1.49.38. 5, S Gunnarsson (Swe) 1.49.59; 6, U Profanter (Austria) 1.50.27. 7, K Borchert (Aus) 1.50.81. 8, I Haralamow (Switz) 1.50.87; 9, A Pastuszka (Pol) 1.52.45

Women's 500m kayak pairs

FINAL: 1, Sweden (A Andersson and S Gunnarsson) 1.39.32; 2, Germany (R Portwich and B Fischer) 1.39.68. 3, Australia (K Borchert and A Wood) 1.40.64. 4, Hungary 1.40.89; 5, Canada 1.41.31. 6, Spain 1.42.62. 7, Poland 1.42.75. 8, Russia 1.43.23; 9, France 1.43.44

Handball

Men's play-offs

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Spain 27 France 25

MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
United States	42	32	25
Russia	26	20	14
Germany	18	16	27
China	17	22	12
France	15	7	14
Italy	12	8	11
Australia	9	9	20
South Korea	7	13	5
Cuba	7	7	9
Poland	7	5	4
Ukraine	7	2	11
Spain	5	6	6
Hungary	5	4	9
Romania	4	7	8
Greece	4	4	0
Switzerland	4	2	0
Denmark	4	1	1
Turkey	4	1	1
Canada	3	10	8
Bulgaria	3	6	5
Japan	3	6	5
Holland	3	5	10
Czech Rep	3	3	4
Brazil	3	2	9
New Zealand	3	2	1
Ireland	3	0	1
Kazakhstan	2	3	4
Belgium	2	2	2
Nigeria	2	1	3
Norway	2	1	3
North Korea	2	1	3
South Africa	2	1	1
Algeria	2	0	1
Ethiopia	2	0	1
Great Britain	1	8	7
Belorussia	1	6	8
Kenya	1	4	2
Jamaica	1	3	2
Sweden	1	3	2
Finland	1	2	1
Indonesia	1	1	2
Iran	1	1	1
Yugoslavia	1	1	1
Armenia	1	1	0
Portugal	1	0	1
Slovakia	1	0	1
Burundi	1	0	0
Costa Rica	1	0	0
Ecuador	1	0	0
Hong Kong	1	0	0
Syria	1	0	0
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☐ *At end of Saturday's events*

Black, Thomas, Richardson and Baulch show off the silver medals won in the Olympic 4 x 400 metres relay on Saturday

Agassi shows his mettle in crushing win

From David Miller

SOME commentators, and a few players who stayed away, dismissed the Olympic tennis tournament as an irrelevance alongside the professional circuit. Andre Agassi was so motivated by the desire to win for his country that he produced a truly devastating display to crush Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, in straight sets in the men's singles final. Bruguera, twice the French Open champion, did not capitulate, he was pounded into submission 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

Anyone who did not witness Agassi's systematic destruction of his opponent's game might suppose that Bruguera had perhaps thrown in the towel beneath a sapping sun once he had lost his service twice in the opening set. Not so. He fought as best he could, until, at 1-4 down in the third set, he at last gave signs that Agassi's control and groundstroke power had drained him of resistance.

Against all predictions, against all the evidence this season of premature elimination in the French Open and at Wimbledon, and narrow survival in the first round here against Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden, Agassi suddenly touched his peak. His talent burst forth from a shell that had become crusty and eroded by professional neglect. It was, perhaps, his best performance since losing the final of last year's US Open to Pete Sampras, and bodes well for this year's US Open in New York in three weeks.

When he broke Bruguera's service for 2-1 in the first set, the strength unleashed by his forehand left Bruguera groping. When he broke again for 4-1, taking the ball unbelievably early on return of service, he seemed literally to be dancing at the back of the court. Never mind that Bruguera nowadays is ranked in the 60s, it was one of the most extraordinary transformations in form I have seen in years.

"The way I was playing today," Agassi said, "I didn't care who was the other side of the net. I ran for every ball. This level is the way I *can* play, and that I'm used to if I get my work ethic in the place it should be. I'm back to feeling it doesn't matter who I'm playing. I like that."

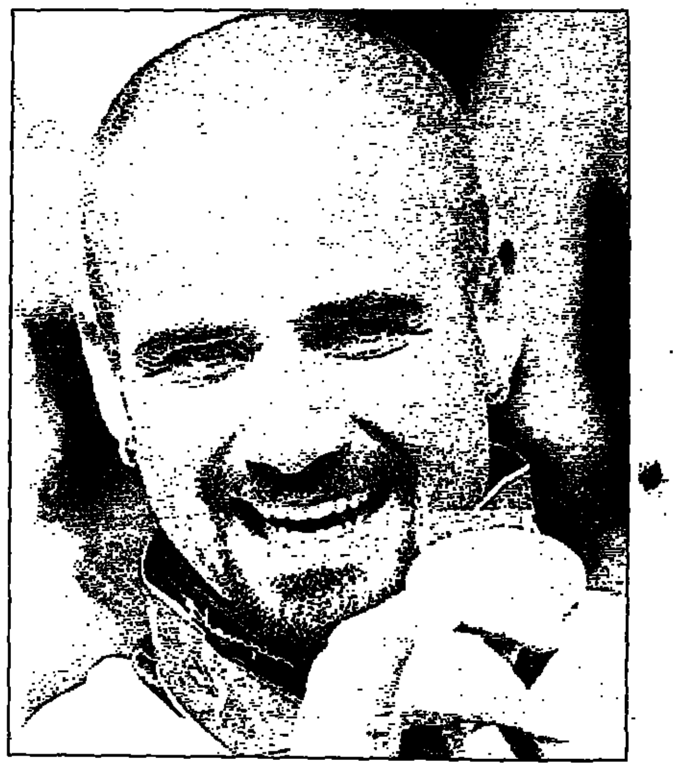
It was difficult to estimate accurately the depth of sincerity of this multi-millionaire son of an Iranian immigrant, himself twice an Olympic boxer, when he said that winning the gold medal was "quite amazing, the greatest accomplishment I've had in sport".

And Wimbledon? A grand slam title was the biggest in tennis, he reflected, but this was an event that was the biggest in all of sport, a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Hearing the anthem was also "the greatest accomplishment", and the emotion of playing for his country had "motivated me". Yet he seemed irritated to be reminded that he has not always chosen to answer the call of his country in the Davis Cup.

He did appear genuinely moved by the playing of the *Stars and Stripes*, but whatever his innermost thoughts, his play had been exceptional, dispelling any recollection he might have had that he should have been expelled from the tournament for obscenity in his quarter-final match against Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa.

The game in which he broke Bruguera to take the second set was particularly memorable: a scrambling backhand to retrieve a rally followed by a smash to put Bruguera 15-30; an exquisite drop shot that had the gleeful crowd gasping with surprise for 15-40; and a blistering forehand pass to conclude another rally. A running forehand hit down the line, worthy of Boris Becker, gave him the third set break for 3-1, and it was all over.

When beating Fernando Meligeni, of Brazil, to take the bronze medal, Leander Paes gained India's first medal since their men's hockey team won in Moscow 16 years ago, and the first individual medal since a wrestling bronze in 1952. Paes's father had won a silver medal with the India hockey team in 1972.



Agassi proudly clutches the gold medal after his victory

German technology shunts Trains aside

By Craig Lord

THE Train brothers, Stephen and Andrew, were not alone in finding themselves up Lake Lanier without the right paddle — or canoe — in a cloud-covered contest in which eight nations were given a Teutonic and technological trouncing.

Andreas Dittmer and Gunar Kirchbach, of Germany, had finished third in the Canadian Pairs (C2) 1,000 metres at the world championships in Duisburg last August. At the weekend, they became Olympic champions, their victory sparked by the advantages of a new boat design that reduces resistance to water.

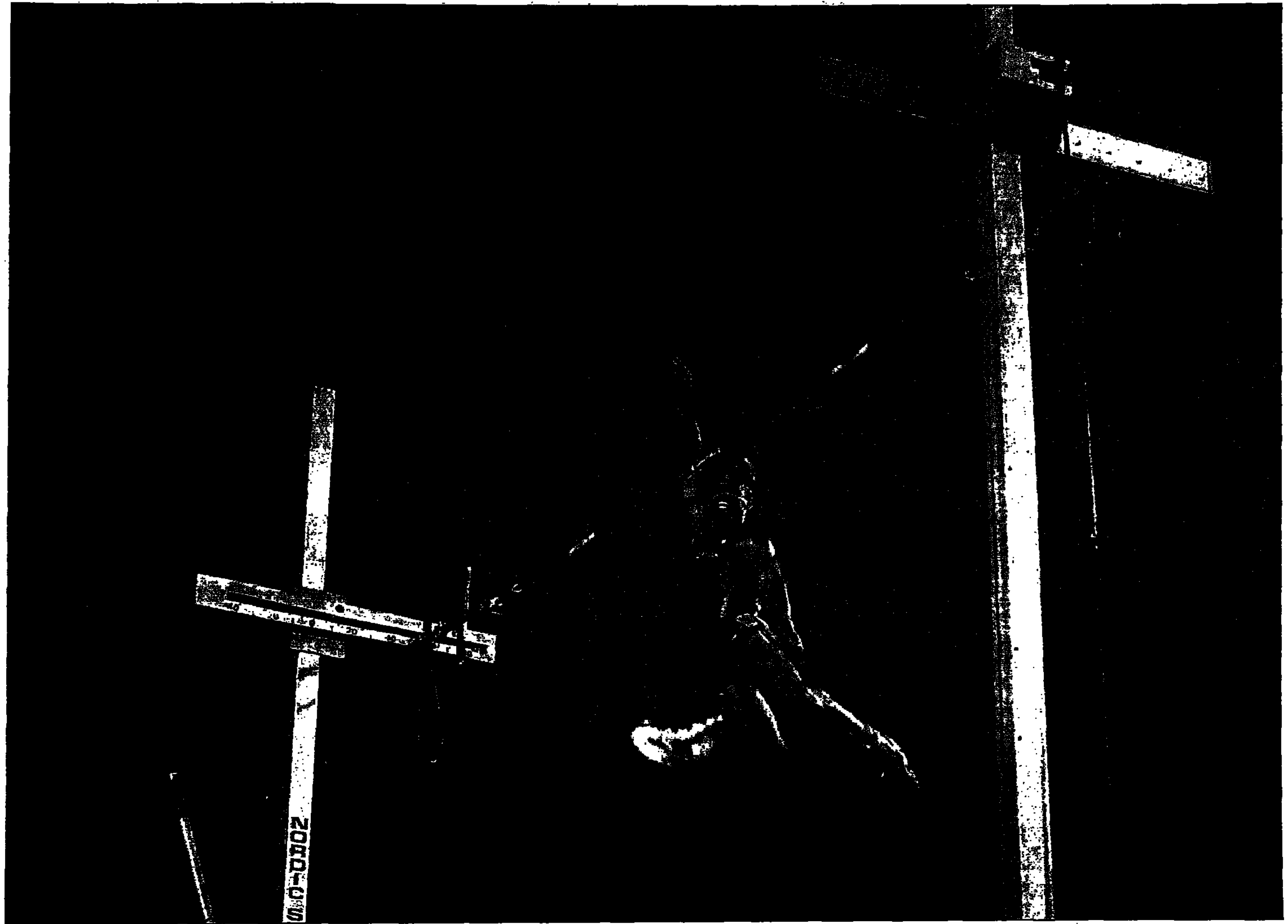
From the start, it looked as though the world champions, Gyorgy Kolonic and Csaba Horvath, of Hungary, and the Romanians, Marcel Glavan and Antonel Borsan — who were second in Duisberg — would repeat their 1995 results. They led from the start, with the Trains following close behind and the Germans last of the nine finalists at 250metres.

Dittmer and Kirchback had recovered to fourth by halfway and set up the momentum for a devastating and decisive surge that took them from 1.73sec down on the Romanians at the three-quarter markers to almost half a second ahead by the time they crossed the bubbleline finish in 3min 31.87sec, the fastest in Olympic history. Romania held on for the silver medal 0.2sec behind, with the Trains, who clocked the fastest third-quarter 250 metres in the race before fading badly, 4.8sec behind the winners in sixth.

The Germans introduced their new boat design for the Games at Lake Lanier, 55 miles north of Atlanta. Their revolutionary canoe is swept low in the stern, with wings just wide enough to meet international specifications (several protests failed). The boat is narrower than usual where the paddler is kneeling, which makes it easier for each stroke to be more parallel to the boat's direction of movement.

The boats are designed to reduce the percentage of the boat in the water and are said to have a special advantage if there is a cross wind. The weekend weather left that latter theory untested at Lake Lanier. "We believe this design has helped reduce our time by 1.6sec," Dirk Boehme, an engineer at the research group which developed the boat, said.

Olympic spirit survives Atlanta


Potapovitch, of Kazakhstan, sails over the pole vault bar, silhouetted against the Atlanta sky. His efforts failed to secure him a medal, though, as he finished in fourth. Photograph: Mike Hewitt/Allsport

Two months before the Centennial Games, the last meeting was held between ACOG, the host organisers, and the co-ordination commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), chaired by Richard Pound, a Canadian tax lawyer. Francois Carrard, the IOC director general, asked ACOG to test their IBM communications and information system.

Unnecessary, ACOG replied, over-confidently. "We're not buffoons". Was this not the world's technologically most advanced nation? Carrard insisted nonetheless that the request be recorded in the minutes. Within 24 hours of the Games opening 16 days ago, ACOG was floundering in communications chaos.

The city that had won the Games by an audacious confidence-trick led by Billy Payne, a hustling property lawyer, had been embarrassingly found out. Seoul and Barcelona staged memorable Games that helped to develop and regenerate their cities for public benefit. Atlanta, as the *New York Times* said yesterday, merely had gold-rush fever.

Payne promised the city it would not have to spend a dollar. The consequent private sector cost-cutting administration and broken promises endangered the South's reputation for hospitality, which has been upheld only by willing, largely uninformed and overworked volunteers, many of whom have been treated as shabbily as officials, the media and some athletes. We never found the soul of Atlanta, unless it was the ragged street vendors.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, was critical of the appalling accreditation system at the airport, delaying some competitors for hours after day-long journeys; of the disfunctional transport; of the length of the athletes' parade at the opening ceremony.

"What has been great is the sport and the spectators, incredible numbers," Samaranch said, "but from the experience we've had, we know that the organisation must be made in conjunction with government guarantees."

To ACOG's credit, they have handled 8.5 million ticket-holders, three million more than ever before.

Pound, the IOC's financial negotiator, believes that the host city must carry some of the financial responsibility for providing venues, as did Montreal, Seoul and Barcelona. Atlanta paid for venues out of operational budget. "It is possible to raise $1.7 billion privately, but it's risky," Pound said. "The rush to secure the NBC contract up front probably left $100 million on the table. The public sector should commit a minimum percentage.

"When we decide the city for 2004 we'll take the organising committee/host city equation into account. We'll be careful not to make any mistake [again]."

Payne would never receive the "greatest Games" acclaim for which he yearned. Within days, ACOG had become the joke acronym: Atlanta Can't Organise Games. The arrogance behind many failures was apparent in the original intention, vetoed by the IOC, for the Olympic flag to be carried into the opening ceremony by members of Payne's committee, with no athletes. Payne had promised an international conception for the centenary: what we got, here in Atlanta as opposed to television's slick projection, was bare-faced commercial expediency.

Yes, the Games *were* great, between the starting line and the finishing line of events. Atlanta provided exemplary venues, yet inside these, the effective administration was run primarily by each international sports federation, not the hosts. The peripheral conditions were at times chaotic and improved only marginally. The deficiences were at source budgetary. ACOG had been unwilling, or unable, to pay and train the middle management that makes things work in the field.

The observing Sydney committee has departed, warned and alarmed, conscious how a Games can threaten a city's reputation as well as enhance it. William Hartsfield, the former mayor after whom the world's second-busiest airport is named, once said that racially divided Atlanta "was too busy to hate". He might have said, like many Americans, too busy to understand foreigners. In conjunction with NBC's overwhelmingly chauvinistic coverage, the Games were made to seem to be the United States v Rest of the World, the public left almost unaware that foreign nations were also competing against each other. NBC managed not to show the 1,500 metres swimming event. No Americans were competing.

Huge though they have become, however, the Games will survive. Cities crave the opportunity to be hosts. The images and the emotions of the past two weeks have been as intense and enthralling, as symbolic of life's lottery, as ever. There is so much to remember: the dignity of trembling Mohammad Ali lighting the flame, and then receiving on Saturday a replica from Samaranch of the 1960 boxing medal he had flung away in disgust over his Vietnam conscientious objection; the four consecutive Games gold medals of Carl Lewis and Steven Redgrave; Fu Mingxia's imperishable elegance on the diving board; the first medal for a South African black by Hezekiel Sepeng; the first individual medal in 44 years for India, the world's second-most populous country, when Leander Paes gained the tennis bronze; Michael Johnson's magical speed; Gillian Rolton, of Australia, falling from her horse in the three-day event, and continuing despite breaking her collarbone and three ribs, to help to win the title.

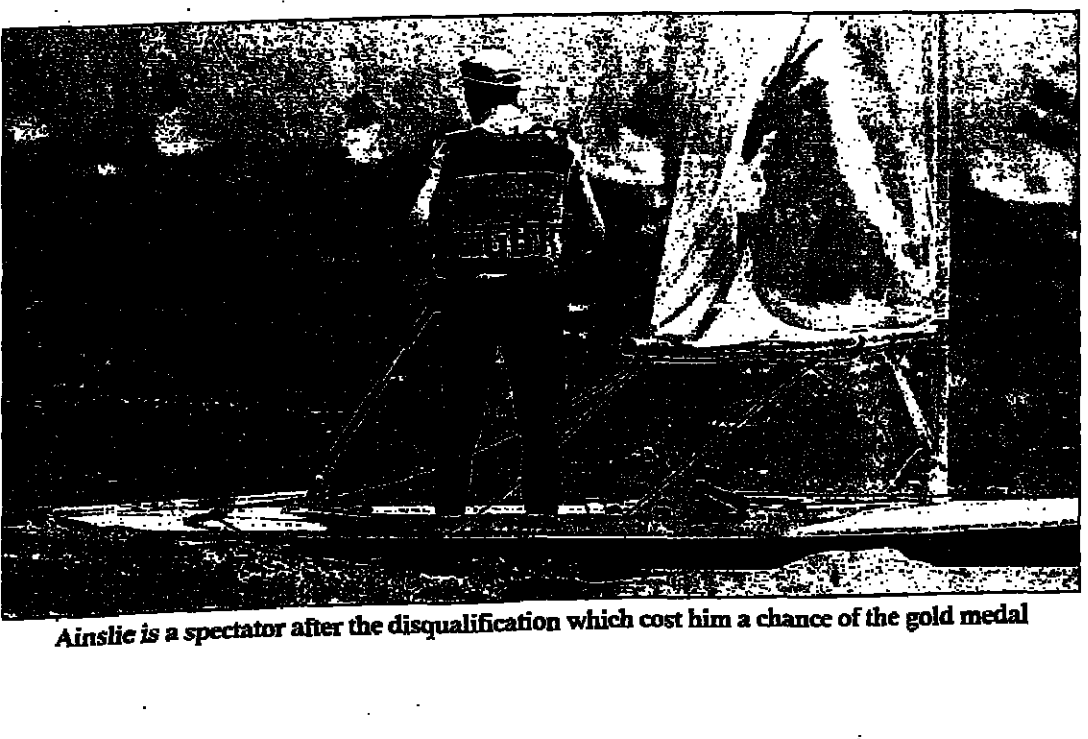
Whether we run, watch or write, the spirit of the Games remains as strong as ever.

DAVID MILLER

Johnson sets 200m world record

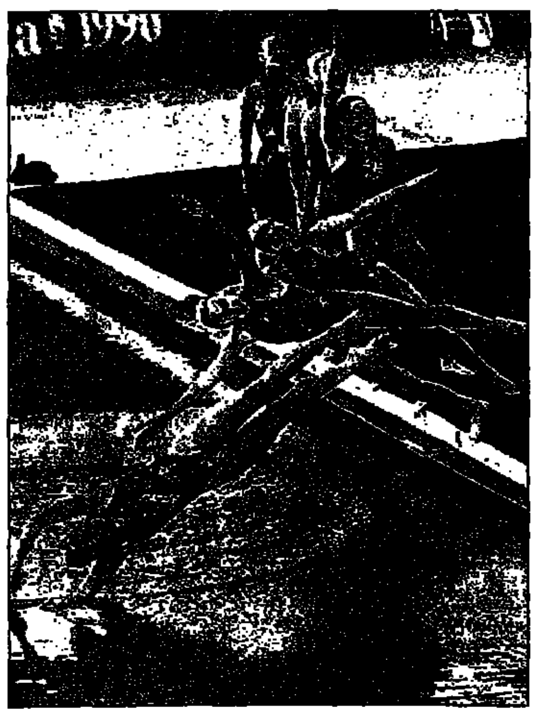
Fu Mingxia leaps to gold in the three-metre springboard diving

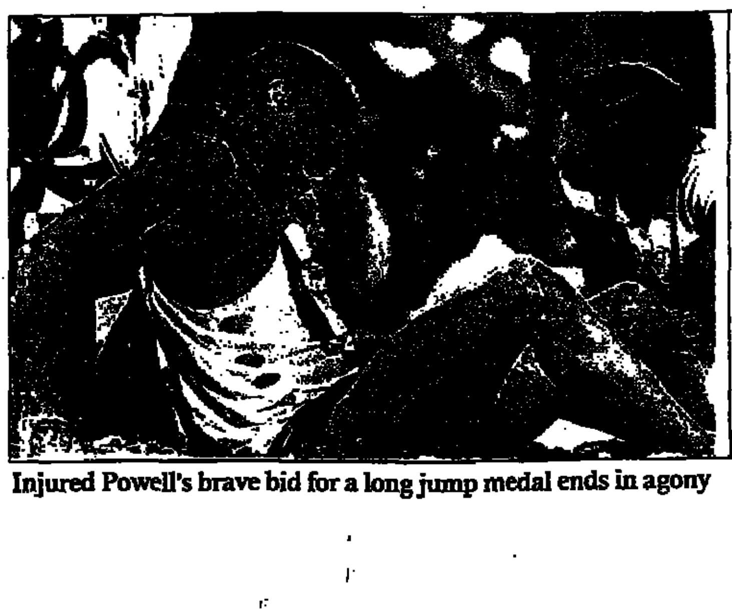
Chemerkin celebrates victory

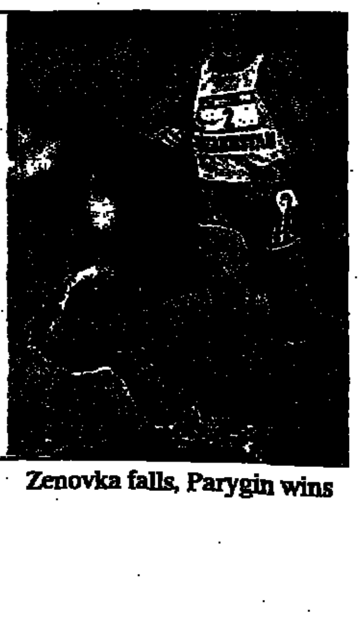

Ainslie is a spectator after the disqualification which cost him a chance of the gold medal

For Henman, left, and Broad, striking silver in the men's tennis doubles was an achievement to treasure

An injured Gunnell is helped from the track


China's synchronised swimmers take the plunge


Injured Powell's brave bid for a long jump medal ends in agony


Zenovka falls, Parygin wins

FOOTBALL: CHELSEA DRAW COMFORT FROM SUCCESS IN UMBRO CUP

Big guns keep powder dry during phoney war

BRIAN GLANVILLE

At the Umbro Cup

Summer goals, say the Italians, count for less than zero. Alex Ferguson and Frank Clark, managers, respectively, of the Manchester United and Nottingham Forest teams eliminated from the Umbro Cup on Saturday, would certainly agree.

"It's pre-season, isn't it?" Ferguson muttered, after his team had lost 2-1 to Ajax. "It was a real pre-season game," Clark said, having seen Forest beaten 4-3 in a penalty shoot out by Chelsea, the product of a goalless draw. Which made you wonder whether the 27,000-odd spectators could sue under the Trade Descriptions Act.

To be fair, Chelsea raised their game vigorously, scoring two fine summer goals, to beat Ajax 2-0 in the final yesterday. Both were elegantly made, in the first half, by Roberto Di Matteo, the first with a through-ball to Dennis Wise, the second with a marvellous curling pass from the left, instantly smacked home by Dan Petrescu.

Things, as Ajax's coach, Louis van Gaal said, might have been different had Kiki Musampa not, untypically, twice failed to get the better of Kharine in one-on-one positions. After the first miss, Chelsea went straight down the other end to score.

Switching his tactics, with four at the back, Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea manager, shrugged off victory as unimportant, but he'd liked what he saw, not least the second half performance by Gianluca Vialli, making a lively debut mostly wide on the right. Twice, he was thwarted by the Dutch goalkeeper, Edwin van der Sar, once at close range, once after an exquisite lob.

Van Gaal stressed that his international players had only two weeks' preparation behind them, which is why his youngsters, after four weeks, had pleased him more. He was especially impressed by Wise — "very aggressive, very skilful, he oversees the situation" — and, like everyone else, he could hardly fail to be impresssed by the authority of the France defender, Franck Le Boeuf.

Yet this tournament was a languid, pre-season affair, one with a galaxy of stars missing. Ajax, of course, have already lost three of theirs definitively. The Bosman decision means that Edgar Davids, the precocious left-sided midfield player, and Michael Reiziger, that powerful right-sided defender, have joined AC Milan, for nothing. Nwankwo Kanu, a hero of the Olympic football tournament with Nigeria, did cost a fee when signed by the other Milanese club, Internazionale, since he's not a native of the European Union, but it meant the loss of one more brilliant young player, still only 20.

The Nigeria right-winger, Finidi George, has gone to Spain. Missing, injured, were the winger, Marc Overmárs, out for all this year, Jari Litmanen, the redoubtable Finn, Winston Bogarde, the muscular defender, and Patrick Kluivert, another fine 20-year-old striker.

Not that Kluivert could have done much more damage to United's porous defence than the little Zaire-born Musampa, who tormented them throughout. It made you wonder whether it is time Ferguson made permanent use of a sweeper behind those centre-backs, while for an international full back, Gary Neville's positioning is oddly erratic.

When Musampa got into his threatening stride, pursuing such through-passes, one of three things happened: an offside flag went up, he was brought down with a crude foul, or he went on for an accurate shot.

In the first half, when Richard Witschge, who has made a happy return to Holland after spells in Barcelona and Bordeaux, put him through, Peter Schmeichel's desperate dive kept the ball out for a corner. Later in the first half, when Musampa was brought down, Frank de Boer's left-footed free kick found Peter Schmeichel in one of those distracted moments.

Late in the game, a pass by the substitute, Eli Louhenapessy, breached United's splittable defence again, and that was the winner. Van Gaal, who has come up from coaching the juniors, said he would have used Ronald de Boer up front, but thought him "a better number six".

Playing, that is, wide and deep on the right.

Despite the deprivations of Italian clubs, Van Gaal insists that Ajax will continue with their exhaustive youth scheme. "Not only Ajax, but all the clubs in the Netherlands," he said, employ such youth schemes. "And that is why, despite the population, we are always in the top. So we have to insist in the youth education, despite the Bosman affair."

Dutch journalists murmur that had Ajax been a bit more generous, a bit earlier, they might have kept those players who have left. Meanwhile, the return to the defence of Brazil's World Cup centre back, Marcio Santos, the eventual return of Overmars and the penetrative promise of Musampa should keep Ajax in contention in Europe.

United had neither of their expensive new foreigners available. Karel Poborsky, the Czech, who will arrive today, and Jordi Cruyff, whose transfer from Barcelona must still be completed, might have helped. Jordi should supply some of the pace, if not the power, down the right, that has been missing since Andrei Kanchelskis was sold to Everton. Little, long-haired Poborsky, if he can settle down, could give touch and flair to a midfield that lacks it.

Roy Keane can certainly supply the strength, but his persistent indiscipline again threatens to keep him out of too many games. Saturday's referee, David Elleray, might well have shown him a second yellow card, then a red, rather than suggesting he be substituted.

Ryan Giggs, of course, will make a massive difference once he is fit. So too Eric Cantona, at full extension. You can see why Ferguson so badly wanted Alan Shearer.

As for Chelsea, waiting for Vialli as they might for Godot, they also had to do without Gullit. Both of them have been having calf trouble.

Charming and polyglot as ever, Gullit explained that, in many ways, he found it more useful to be on the bench, where he could see things no player could see — but Chelsea without him are a car without an engine. They also lacked Duberry, that strong young central defender, who has Achilles tendon problems.

Di Matteo, their other Italian, pleased Gullit in midfield. "He is in the middle of the spine and he will connect the strikers and defenders with himself. He must be always in the right position and that's what he did here — and if he can do more, I will be delighted." As he doubtless was, with the pass for Wise's goal.

Third place went to United, who, surviving a disallowed goal by Forest's scorer, Campbell, got three of their own in the last six minutes. McClair's, his second of the tournament, came when the ball deflected to him off Cooper. Beckham (United's best pre-season player, Ferguson said) hit a thunderbolt from outside the box. Philip Neville scored after a delightful one-two with Paul Scholes. It was almost worth waiting for.

May struggles to contain Musampa, of Ajax, during United's 2-1 defeat at the City Ground

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RUGBY LEAGUE: VICTORY MAINTAINS DECLINING CHAMPIONS' OUTSIDE CHANCE OF RETAINING INTEREST IN TITLE RACE

Paul ponders end of a glorious era for Wigan

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By Christopher Irvine

EARLIER predictions about an end to the Wigan dynasty were premature because fate remained in their hands, but now the Stones Super League is there for St Helens to lose and even Wigan are starting to admit that the party might be over.

It was no slip of the tongue by Henry Paul, the scorer of two Wigan tries in a comfortable victory at Bramall Lane on Saturday night, when he said that he hoped St Helens take the title. He was careful to repeat himself: "If they keep the form they're showing, good on them, I hope they do win it. They show the character you need. We're fighting for that, but, maybe, it is too late."

Although Wigan have staged comebacks before, this time it would take the sort of misfortune that a side blessed with St Helens's luck and self-belief are surely not about to experience now. Just in case, though, Wigan are poised, ready in their rivals' slipstream, a point behind.

Any post-season inquest by Wigan is bound to focus on the players who have left the club. "The young guys have found it quite hard," Paul said. "I never had Dean Bell, Andy Platt or Ellery Hanley around me. That era was gone and then Denis Betts and Phil Clarke, who set the standards, went, and now Martin. What can you do? Sulk? No, you've just got to get back on the horse and keep training hard."

Will Shaun Edwards be the next to go? After missing two matches, Edwards scored one try and created another after coming on as a substitute in Sheffield and Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, was positive about him staying, but further belt-tightening, savings on big contracts and team reconstruction with a new set of home-grown youngsters would suggest otherwise.

FIXTURES

ST HELENS: August 10, Paris Saint-Germain (a); August 18, Sheffield Eagles (h); August 26, Warrington (h).
WIGAN: August 8, Leeds (h); August 17, London Broncos (a); August 24, Warrington (h).

Paul, of the twinkling eyes and mesmeric feet, led a compliant Sheffield a merry dance, waltzing in for one try and then adding another, a tango this time, from 60 metres. No player side-steps at speed better than the young New Zealand stand-off half, who was ably served at scrum half by Murdock before the entrance of Edwards.

Lawless's try on half-time had supplied Sheffield with a faint hope, but the hooker was an isolated presence in a faltering attack. Either side of Garcia's touchdown for the home side midway through the second half, Wigan added half a dozen tries to their three in the first half. Most were close to the posts and Farrell had no bother converting the lot.

Ellison, in Offiah's former left-wing role, was the last tryscorer. When Wigan catch up with their erstwhile teammate, at London on Saturday week, they know they must avenge the point dropped at home to the Broncos in June — the one that allowed St Helens to think realistically of the championship.

SCORERS: Sheffield Eagles: Tries: Lawless, Garcia. Goals: Aston (2). Wigan: Tries: Paul (2), Robinson, Haughton, Connolly, Murdock, Edwards, Hall, Ellison. Goals: Farrell (9)
SHEFFIELD EAGLES: W Sovatabua; L Stott, N Crowther, K Senior, J-M Garcia, D Lawford, N Aston; P Broadbent, J Lawless, D Laughton, A Hay, D McAllister, P Carr. Substitutes: D Turner, I Hughes, D Mycoe, J Dakuitoga.
WIGAN: K Radlinski; J Robinson, V Tuigamala, G Connolly, D Ellison; H Paul, C Murdock; T O'Connor, M Hall, N Cowie, S Haughton, M Cassidy, A Farrell. Substitutes: K Skerrett, S Barrow, R Smyth, S Edwards.
Referee: S Presley (Castleford)

Bulls stampede crushes Leeds

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By Christopher Irvine

IN TERMS of points conceded, Leeds suffered their heaviest home defeat yesterday. Bradford's ten-try stroll underlined the extent to which the balance of power between these Yorkshire rivals has shifted towards Odsal.

The Bulls have rattled up 110 points in two Super League drubbings of their neighbours. Paul Cook's conversion of the last try by Paul Medley, a fellow former Leeds player, took Bradford past their points tally in a 54-3 win at Headingley in 1945. That remains Leeds's biggest margin of defeat at home to domestic opposition. After pulling back to within two points at 16-14, Leeds were remorselessly slapped down.

Loughlin scored the first of his two tries just before the break; Robbie Paul scored a hat-trick in the space of 20 minutes, his second in successive weeks; and Spruce and Tomlinson's unselfishness paved the way for further touchdowns from Paul, Cook, Lowes, McDermott and Nickle.

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It was Bradford's first win in six visits to Headingley and they have now lost only once in 14 matches since their Challenge Cup final defeat in April. Matthew Elliot, who takes over the coaching reins from the Australia-bound Brian Smith next season, has a great legacy to build on.

SCORERS: Leeds: Tries: Hughes (2), Handley (2). Goal: Tupulotu. Bradford: Tries: Paul (3), Loughlin (2), Cook, Lowes, McDermott, Nickle, Medley. Goals: McNamara (6), Cook (2)
LEEDS: M St Hilaire, M Golden, K Iro, A Hughes, S Tuipulotu, A Gibbons, G Brown, N Fozzard, P Handley, Barrie McDermott, G Mercer, A Morley, M Forshaw. Subs: D Gibbons, L Maher, J Field, M Schultz
BRADFORD BULLS: S Spruce; J Tamani, M Calland, G Bradley, P Cook; R Paul, G Tomlinson; Brian McDermott, J Lowes, K Fairbank, S Nickle, B Dwyer, S McNamara. Subs: N Graham, P Medley, P Loughlan, J Donougher
Referee: S Cummings (Widnes).

☐ Martin Offiah failed to score but set up the first try as London Broncos beat Warrington 20-13 yesterday on his first appearance after his transfer from Wigan.

LATE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Archery

Men's team

QUARTER-FINALS: South Korea bt Slovenia 251-249, Australia bt Sweden 253-241; United States bt Ukraine 251-240; Italy bt Finland 252-236
SEMI-FINALS: United States bt Italy 251-247; South Korea bt Australia 249-240
BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Italy (A Parenti, M Frangilli, M Bisiani) bt Australia 248-244.
FINAL: United States (J Huish, B Johnson, R White) bt South Korea (Jang Yong-ho, Kim Bo-ram, Oh Kyo-moon) 251-249.

Women's team

QUARTER-FINALS: South Korea bt Sweden 249-226, Poland bt Ukraine 242-235, Germany bt China 232-231; Turkey bt Kazakhstan 247-226
SEMI-FINALS: South Korea bt Poland 245-244, Germany 239 bt Turkey 239-237
BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Poland (I Dzeciol, K Klata, J Nowicka) bt Turkey 244-239
FINAL: South Korea (Kim Jo-sun, Youn Hye-young, Kim Kyung-wook) bt Germany (B Mensing, C Pfohl, S Wagner) 245-235

Athletics

Men's 1,500 metres

FINAL: 1, N Morceli (Alg) 3min 35.78sec; 2, F Cacho (Sp) 3:36.40; 3, S Kipkorir (Ken) 3:36.72; 4, L Rotich (Ken) 3:37.39; 5, W Tanui (Ken) 3:37.42; 6, A Bile (Som) 3:38.03; 7, M Koers (Hol) 3:38.18; 8, A Hakimi (Tun) 3:38.19; 9, M Suleiman (Qatar) 3:38.26; 10, D Moazouzi (Mor) 3:39.66; 11, J Mayock (GB) 3:40.18; 12, H El Guerrouj (Mor) 3:40.75

Men's 5,000 metres

FINAL: 1, V Niyongabo (Burundi) 13min 07.96sec; 2, P Bitok (Ken) 13:08.16; 3, K Boulami (Mor) 13:08.37; 4, D Baumann (Ger) 13:08.81; 5, T Nyariki (Ken) 13:12.29; 6, B Kennedy (US) 13:12.35; 7, E Molina (Sp) 13:12.91; 8, B Lahlafi (Mor) 13:13.26

Men's 3,000m steeplechase

FINAL: 1, J Keter (Ken) 8min 07.12sec; 2, M Kiptanui (Ken) 8:08.33; 3, A Lambruschini (It) 8:11.28; 4, M Birir (Ken) 8:17.18; 5, M Croghan (US) 8:17.84; 6, S Brand (Ger) 8:18.52; 7, B Boulami (Mor) 8:23.13; 8, J Svenoey (Nor) 8:23.39

Men's 4 x 100 metres relay

FINAL: 1, Canada (R Esmie, G Gilbert, B Surin, D Bailey) 37.69sec; 2, United States (J Drummond, T Harden, M Marsh, D Mitchell) 38.05; 3, Brazil (Arnaldo Silva, R De Silva, E Ribeiro, Andre Silva) 38.41; 4, Ukraine 38.55; 5, Sweden 38.67; 6, Cuba 39.39. France did not finish. Ghana withdrew

Men's 4 x 400 metres relay

FINAL: 1, United States (L Smith, A Harrison, D Mills, A Maybank) 2min 55.99sec; 2, Great Britain (I Thomas, J Baulch, M Richardson, R Black) 2:56.60; 3, Jamaica (M McDonald, R Martin, G Haughton, D Clarke) 2:59.42; 4, Senegal 3:00.64; 5, Japan 3:00.76; 6, Poland 3:00.96; 7, Bahamas 3:02.71; Kenya did not start

Men's pole vault

FINAL: 1, J Galfione (Fr) 5.92m; 2, I Trandenkov (Rus) 5.92; 3, A Tivontchik (Ger) 5.92; 4, I Potapovich (Kaz) 5.86; 5, P Bochkaryov (Rus) 5.86; 6, D Markov (Belo) 5.86; 7, T Lobinger (Ger) 5.80; 8, L Johnson (US) 5.70

Men's javelin

FINAL: 1, J Zelezny (Cz) 88.16m; 2, S Backley (GB) 87.44; 3, S Raty (Fin) 86.98; 4, R Hecht (Ger) 86.88; 5, B Henry (Ger) 85.68; 6, S Makarov (Rus) 85.30; 7, K Kinnunen (Fin) 84.02; 8, T Pukstys (US) 83.58; 12, M Hill (GB) 78.58

Women's 1,500 metres

FINAL: 1, S Masterkova (Rus) 4min 00.83sec; 2, G Szabo (Rom) 4:01.54; 3, T Kiesl (Austria) 4:03.02; 4, L Pells (Can) 4:03.56; 5, M Crowley (Aus) 4:03.79; 6, C Sacramento (Por) 4:03.91; 7, L Borisova (Rus) 4:05.90; 8, M Rydz (Pol) 4:05.92; 11, K Holmes (GB) 4:07.46.

Women's 10,000 metres

FINAL: 1, F Ribeiro (Por) 31min 01.63sec; 2, Wang Junxia (China) 31:02.58; 3, G Wami (Eth) 31:06.65; 4, D Tulu (Eth) 31:10.46; 5, M Chiba (Japan) 31:20.62; 6, T Loroupe (Ken) 31:23.22; 7, Y Kawakami (Japan) 31:23.23; 8, I Negura (Rom) 31:26.46; 11, C McKiernan (Ire) 32:00.38

Women's 4 x 100 metres relay

FINAL: 1, United States (C Gaines, G Devers, I Miller, G Torrence) 41.95sec; 2, Bahamas (E Clarke, C Sturrup, S Fynes, P Davis) 42.14; 3, Jamaica (M Freeman, J Cuthbert, N Mitchell, M Ottey) 42.24; 4, Russia 42.27; 5, Nigeria 42.56; 6, France 42.76; 7, Australia 43.70; 8, Great Britain (A Thorp, M Richardson, S Jacobs, K Merry) 43.93.

Women's 4 x 400 metres relay

FINAL: 1, United States (R Stevens, M Malone, K Graham, J Miles) 3min 20.91sec; 2, Nigeria (B Afolabi, F Yusuf, C Opara, F Ogunkoya) 3:21.04; 3, Germany (U Rohländer, L Kisabaka, A Rucker, G Breuer) 3:21.14; 4, Jamaica 3:21.69; 5, Russia 3:22.22; 6, Cuba 3:25.85; 7, Czech Republic 3:26.99; 8, France 3:28.46. Non-qualifiers: Great Britain (P Smith, A Curbishley, D Fraser, G Oladapo) 3:28.13 in heats.

Women's high jump

FINAL: 1, S Kostadinova (Bul) 2.05m; 2, N Bakogianni (Gr) 2.03; 3, I Babakova (Ukr) 2.01; 4, A Bevilacqua (It) 1.99; 5, Y Gulyayeva (Rus) 1.99; equal 6, A Astafei (Ger), T Motkova (Rus) and N Zilinskiene (Lith) 1.96.

Women's long jump

FINAL: 1, C Ajunwa (Nigeria) 7.12m; 2, F May (It) 7.02; 3, J Joyner-Kersee (US) 7.00; 4, N Xanthou (Gr) 6.97; 5, I Chekhovtsova (Ukr) 6.97; 6, A Karczmarek (Pol) 6.90; 7, I Prandzheva (Bul) 6.82; 8, N Boegman (Aus) 6.73.

Women's shot

FINAL: 1, A Kumbernuss (Ger) 20.56m; 2, Sui Xinmei (China) 19.88; 3, I Khudorozhkina (Rus) 19.35; 4, V Pavlysh (Ukr) 19.30; 5, C Price-Smith (US) 19.22; 6, S Storp (Ger) 19.06; 7, K Neimke (Ger) 18.92; 8, I Korzhanenko (Rus) 18.68; 11, J Oakes (GB) 18.34

Baseball

Play-offs

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: United States 10 Nicaragua 3
FINAL: Cuba 13 Japan 9

Basketball

Men's play-offs

ELEVENTH PLACE: Angola 99 South Korea 61.
NINTH PLACE: Argentina 87 Puerto Rico 77.
SEVENTH PLACE: Croatia 99 China 85
FIFTH PLACE: Greece 91 Brazil 72.
BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Lithuania 80 Australia 74
FINAL: United States 95 Yugoslavia 69

Women's play-offs

ELEVENTH PLACE: Canada 88 Zaire 46
NINTH PLACE: China 85 South Korea 71
SEVENTH PLACE: Japan 81 Italy 69
FIFTH PLACE: Russia 91 Cuba 74
SEMI-FINALS: Brazil 81 Ukraine 60; United States 93 Australia 71.

Boxing

Semi-finals

FLYWEIGHT: M Romero (Cuba) bt A Pakeev (Rus) pts; B Dzumadilov (Kaz) bt Z Lunka (Ger) pts
FEATHERWEIGHT: S Todorov (Bul) bt F Mayweather (US) pts; S Kamsing (Thai) bt P Chacon (Arg) pts
LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT: O Urkal (Ger) bt F Missaoui (Tun) pts; H Vinent (Cuba) bt B Niyazymbetov (Kaz) pts
LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT: D Reid (US) bt K Tulaganov (Uzb) pts, A Duvergel (Cuba) bt E Ibzaimov (Kaz) pts
LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT: V Jirov (Kaz) bt A Tarver (US) pts, Lee Seung-Bae (S Kor) bt T Ulrich (Ger) pts
SUPER-HEAVYWEIGHT: V Klichko (Ukr) bt A Lezin (Rus) pts. P Wolfgram (Tonga) bt D Dokiwari (Nigeria) pts.

Finals

LIGHT-FLYWEIGHT: D Bojilov (Bul) bt M Velasco (Phil) pts
LIGHTWEIGHT: H Soltani (Alg) bt T Tontchev (Bul) decision
BANTAMWEIGHT: I Kovacs (Hun) bt A Mesa (Cuba) pts
WELTERWEIGHT: O Saitov (Rus) bt J Hernandez (Cuba) pts
MIDDLEWEIGHT: A Hernandez (Cuba) bt M Beyleroglu (Tur) pts
HEAVYWEIGHT: F Savon (Cuba) bt D Defiagbon (Can) pts

Canoeing

Men's 1,000m Canadian singles

FINAL: 1, M Doktor (Cz) 3min 54.41sec; 2, I Klementyev (Lat) 3:54.95; 3, G Zala (Hun) 3:56.36; 4, P Schulze (Ger) 3:57.77; 5, P Sylvoz (Fr) 3:59.01; 6, V Partnoi (Rom) 3:59.85

Men's 1,000m Canadian pairs

FINAL: 1, Germany (A Dittmer and G Kirchbach) 3:31.87; 2, Romania (A Borsan and M Glavan) 3:32.29; 3, Hungary (C Horvath and G Kolonics) 3:32.51; 4, Bulgaria 3:34.38; 5, Moldova 3:35.19; 6, Great Britain (A and S Train) 3:36.69

Men's 1,000m kayak singles

FINAL: 1, K Holmann (Nor) 3:25.78; 2, B Bonomi (It) 3:27.07; 3, C Robinson (Aus) 3:29.71; 4, L Lwowski (Ger) 3:30.02; 5, A Calderon (Sp) 3:31.39; 6, A Gajewski (Pol) 3:32.52

Men's 1,000m kayak pairs

FINAL: 1, Italy (A Rossi and D Scarpa) 3:09.19; 2, Germany (K Bluhm and T Gutsche) 3:10.51; 3, Bulgaria (M Kazanov and A Dushev) 3:11.20; 4, Poland 3:11.26; 5, France 3:11.40; 6, Denmark 3:12.05

Men's 1,000m kayak fours

FINAL: 1, Germany (D Holmann, O Winter, T Reineck, M Zabel) 2:51.52; 2, Hungary (A Adrovicz, F Csipes, G Horvath, A Rajna) 2:53.18; 3, Russia (S Verlin, O Gorobiy, A Tishchenko, G Tsybulnikov) 2:53.99; 4, Poland 2:54.77; 5, Spain 2:55.88; 6, Sweden 2:55.90.

Women's 500m kayak fours

FINAL: 1, Germany (R Portwich, M Mucke, B Fischer, A Schuck) 1:31.07; 2, Switzerland (D Baumer, S Eichenberger, I Haralamow, G Mueller) 1:32.70; 3, Sweden (A Andersson, I Ericsson, A Olsson, S Rosenqvist) 1:32.91; 4, China 1:33.08; 5, Canada 1:33.09; 6, Spain 1:33.57

Cycling

Men's individual time-trial

1, M Indurain (Sp) 1hr 04min 05sec; 2, A Olano (Sp) 1:04:17; 3, C Boardman (GB) 1:04:36; 4, M Fondriest (It) 1:05:01; 5, T Rominger (Switz) 1:06:05; 6, L Armstrong (US) 1:06:28; 7, A Zulle (Switz) 1:06:33; 8, P Jonker (Aus) 1:06:54; 9, D Baranowski (Pol) 1:07:08; 10, M Rich (Ger) 1:07:08; 11, H Dekker (Hol) 1:07:08; 12, U Peschel (Ger) 1:07:33; 13, L Jalabert (Fr) 1:07:34; 14, B Riis (Den) 1:07:47

Women's individual time-trial

1, Z Zabirova (Rus) 36min 40sec; 2, J Longo-Ciprelli (Fr) 37:00; 3, C Hughes (Can) 37:13; 4, K Watt (Aus) 37:53; 5, M Cligner (Fr) 38:14; 6, T Vikstedt-Nyman (Fin) 38:24; 7, J Polikeviciute (Lith) 38:27; 8, I Chiappa (It) 38:47; 14, Y McGregor (GB) 39:09

Diving

Men's 10-metre platform

FINAL: 1, D Sautin (Rus) 692.34pts; 2, J Hempel (Ger) 663.27; 3, Hailiang Xiao (China) 658.20; 4, Liang Tian (China) 648.18; 5, V Timoshinin (Rus) 628.59; 6, D Pichler (US) 607.11; 7, F Platas (Mex) 603.03; 8, M Kuehne (Ger) 583.98. Non-qualifiers: 13, R Morgan (GB) 519.840; 18, L Taylor (GB) 483.570

Equestrianism

Individual dressage

FINAL: 1, I Werth (Ger), Gigolo, 235.09pts; 2, A van Grunsven (Hol), Bonfire, 233.02; 3, S Rothenberger (Hol), Weyden, 224.94; 4, M Theodorescu (Ger), Grunox, 224.56; 5, M Gibson (US), Peron, 222.83; 6, K Balkenhol (Ger), Goldstern, 221.81; 7, M Otto-Crepin (Fr), Lucky Lord, 219.80; 8, G Seidel (US), Graf George, 215.02

Football

Men's play-offs

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Brazil 5 Portugal 0
FINAL: Nigeria 3 Argentina 2

Gymnastics

Individual rhythmic

SEMI-FINAL (leading ten to final): Qualifiers: 1, E Serebryanskaya (Ukr) 39.332pts; 2, E Vitrichenko (Ukr) 39.266; 3, I Batyrchina (Rus) 39.232; 4, M Petrova (Bul) 38.899; 5, L Loukianenko (Belo) 38.749; 6, T Ogrycko (Belo) 38.681; 7, A Zaripova (Rus) 38.664; 8, E Sorrano (Fr) 38.615; 9, A Tostado (Sp) 38.448; 10, M Brzeska (Ger) 38.232.

Rhythmic teams

FINAL: 1, Spain (M Baldo, N Cabanillas, E Gimenez, L Gurendez, T Lamarca, E Martinez) 38.933pts; 2, Bulgaria (I Taleva, V Kevlian, I Deltcheva, M Tabakova, M Koleva, V Vatachka) 38.866; 3, Russia (E Botchkareva, I Dziouba, A Iouchkova, O Chtyrenko, E Krivochei, I Ivanova) 38.365; 4, France 38.199; 5, China 37.999; 6, Belorussia 37.982.

Handball

Men's play-offs

NINTH PLACE: United States 27 Algeria 26
SEVENTH PLACE: Germany 23 Switzerland 16
FIFTH PLACE: Russia 29 Egypt 26
SEMI-FINALS: Sweden 25 Spain 20, Croatia 24 France 20.

Women's play-offs

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Hungary 20 Norway 18.
FINAL: Denmark 37 South Korea 33

Hockey

Men's play-offs

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Australia 3 Germany 2.
FINAL: Holland 3 Spain 1

Synchronised swimming

Team final

1, United States (T Cleland, S Bianco, H Pease, E Lesueur, B Dyroen-Lancer, J Sudduth, N Schneyder, H Simmons-Carrasco, J Savery, M Thien) 99.720pts; 2, Canada (K Clark, C Larsen, J Bremner, S Frochette, V Hould-Marchand, K Fonteyne, K Kulesza, C Read, E Woodley, L Alexander) 98.367; 3, Japan (A Kawase, M Tachibana, K Takahashi, M Takeda, R Jimbo, R Fujii, M Kawabe, R Nakajima, J Tanaka, M Fujii) 97.753; 4, Russia 97.26; 5, France 96.07; 6, Italy 94.25; 7, China 94.12; 8, Mexico 93.83

Tennis

Finals

MEN'S SINGLES: A Agassi (US) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 6-2, 6-3, 6-1. Bronze medal match: L Paes (India) bt F Meligeni (Br) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4
MEN'S DOUBLES: M Woodforde and T Woodbridge (Aus) bt T Henman and N Broad (GB) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: L Davenport (US) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 7-6, 6-2. Bronze medal match: J Novotna (Cz) bt M J Fernandez (US) 7-6, 6-4
WOMEN'S DOUBLES: M J Fernandez and G Fernandez (US) bt H Sukova and J Novotna (Cz) 7-6, 6-4

Volleyball

Men's play-offs

SEVENTH PLACE: Bulgaria bt Argentina 15-10, 15-10, 7-15, 20-18
FIFTH PLACE: Brazil bt Cuba 15-12, 16-14, 16-14.
SEMI-FINALS: Holland bt Russia 15-6, 15-6, 15-10; Italy bt Yugoslavia 15-12, 8-15, 15-6, 15-7

Women's play-offs

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Brazil bt Russia 15-13, 4-15, 16-14, 8-15, 15-13
FINAL: Cuba bt China 14-16, 15-12, 17-16, 15-6

Wrestling

Freestyle, final bouts

UNDER 52KG: For gold: V Jordanov (Bul) bt N Abdullayev (Azer) pts. For bronze: M Mamyrov (Kaz) bt C Mongush (Rus) pts
UNDER 62KG: For gold: T Brands (US) bt Jang Jae-sung (S Kor) pts. For bronze: E Tedeev (Ukr) bt T Wada (Japan) pts
UNDER 74KG: For gold: B Saitiev (Rus) bt Park Jang-soon (S Kor) pts. For bronze: T Ota (Japan) bt P Paskalev (Bul) pts
UNDER 90KG: For gold: R Azghadi (Iran) bt M Khadartsev (Rus). For bronze: E Kurtanidze (Georgia) bt J Lohyna (Slovakia)
OVER 100KG: For gold: M Demir (Tur) bt A Medvedev (Belo). For bronze: B Baumgartner (US) bt A Shumilin (Rus) decision.

Yachting

Soling

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH RACE: United States (J Madrigali, J Barton, K Massey) bt Great Britain (A Beadsworth, B Parkin, A Stead) 3-1
FINAL MATCH RACE: Germany (J Schuemann, T Flach, B Jaekel) bt Russia (G Shayduko, D Shebanov, I Skalin) 3-0

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CRICKET

Caddick wins vote over Gough for Headingley Test

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

THE compromise and sentiment that has disfigured too many England selections was laudably absent yesterday. Victory is imperative, in the second Test against Pakistan that begins at Headingley on Thursday, and the pursuit of it has produced a squad of flexibility without fudge.

Graeme Hick has been dropped, a humane decision for all concerned. Simon Brown is also excluded, not because there was any shame attached to his debut at Lord's but because the priorities are now different, and if this was difficult, the continued omission of Darren Gough, this time on his home ground, required judgment that will inevitably be controversial.

Gough's place, as all Yorkshire will indignantly perceive, has gone to Andy Caddick and, given the reputation of the Leeds crowd when one of their own has been usurped, it is as well for Caddick that he at least won over the East Riding, as well as the selectors, with his superb seam bowling at Scarborough last week.

Caddick has an awkward personality. A solitary man, aloof and humourless, he might be thought temperamentally unsuited to a team game. The quality of his bowling, though, is undeniable and, since recovering from an operation on his shins, he has begun to bowl with menace and consistency.

His eight previous Tests were against Australia in 1993 and in the West Indies the following winter, when he twice took five wickets in an innings and dismissed Brian Lara four times — a notable achievement even if, on one occasion, Lara had made 375. Gough, who has all the appeal and charisma Caddick lacks, can feel unfortunate, but the issue came down to a straight choice between the pair and, for Headingley, Caddick's seam was thought more appropriate than Gough's swing.

The return from injury of Nasser Hussain and Chris Lewis is augmented by the return from purgatory of John Crawley, who last played a Test innings 12 months ago and has suffered setbacks ever since. This is admirable, for Crawley is worthy of an extended run, but the best of the selectors' decisions involves a reprieve, in distinctly different ways, for both Jack Russell and Alec Stewart.

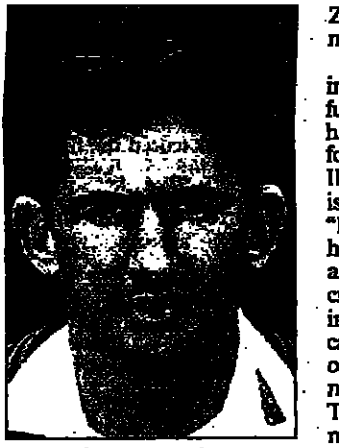
Prior to the gathering in Leicester on Saturday evening, Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, had let it be known that he favoured using Stewart as wicketkeeper. One might have thought this was an exhausted expedient, one that wrongly assumes Stewart will make more runs than Russell when in a dual role, but it was duly aired extensively at the meeting before a consensus was found.

Whatever the other options available this week, Russell will continue keeping wicket. It is true that he has not been at his immaculate best, which is so tidy as to be unnoticed, but he is still peerless in what should remain a specialist position. Paradoxically, his retention will also come as a great relief to Stewart.

It has been an unsettled summer for Stewart and his England career has existed precariously. At Lord's, however, he batted better than at any time in the past 18 months and his reward is the freedom not only to concentrate on his batting, but to do so in the position he prefers, going in first to partner Michael Atherton.

There are contradictory views about Stewart. One avers that he is hanging on by his bootlaces and must put up with batting anywhere and everywhere. The other, which these selectors have now embraced, is that Stewart is an accomplished senior player, in decent form, and that he should bat, unencumbered, where it suits him best.

	Age	Caps
M A Atherton (Lancs, captain)	28	60
A J Stewart (Surrey)	33	56
N V Knight (Warwickshire)	26	4
N Hussain (Essex)	28	10
G P Thorpe (Surrey)	26	30
J P Crawley (Lancashire)	24	10
R C Irani (Essex)	24	2
R C Russell (Gloucestershire)	32	48
C C Lewis (Surrey)	28	30
D G Cork (Derbyshire)	24	14
A R Caddick (Somerset)	27	8
I D K Salisbury (Sussex)	26	8
A D Mullally (Leicestershire)	27	4


Caddick: consistent

So it will not be Stewart but Nick Knight who approaches this game as the floating batsman. Thus far, his temperament has been more convincing than his technique and with Crawley installed as a straight replacement for Hick, whose runs for Worcestershire this week quite rightly failed to seduce the selectors, it is Knight whose place depends upon the balance of the XI.

Illingworth favours six specialist batsmen as prudent reinforcement against the brilliance of the Pakistan bowling. If the weather at Leeds later this week is gloomy, as forecast, and the pitch well-grassed, as England would request, this will almost certainly be the policy, in which case the attack will be limited to four seam bowlers.

The danger, here, is that Hick's omission leaves no support bowling. So, within the chosen 13, the alternative exists of batting Ronnie Irani, recalled for the injured Mark Ealham, at No 6, and including Ian Salisbury ahead of one of the seam bowlers. With Brown already jettisoned and Caddick identified as the horse for this singular course, Alan Mullally is the vulnerable seamer.

Salisbury, who is taking advice, adjusting his line and eliminating the profligacy of old, deserves all the encouragement he is receiving and will also play in the Test and County Cricket Board XI, chosen by the selectors, against South Africa A on August 15. He should be guaranteed a winter in Zimbabwe and New Zealand, something that cannot be said of Hick.

Whether his problems are in his mind, rather than of fundamental technique, Hick has been bafflingly unfocused for England this summer and Illingworth offered no promises of yet another swift recall. "It is not a matter of giving him a rest," he said. "He will always go back to county cricket and make runs. We are in a three-Test series and we cannot afford to carry anyone." It is hard to believe this marks the end of a frustrating Test career, but it may easily mean an extended interruption.

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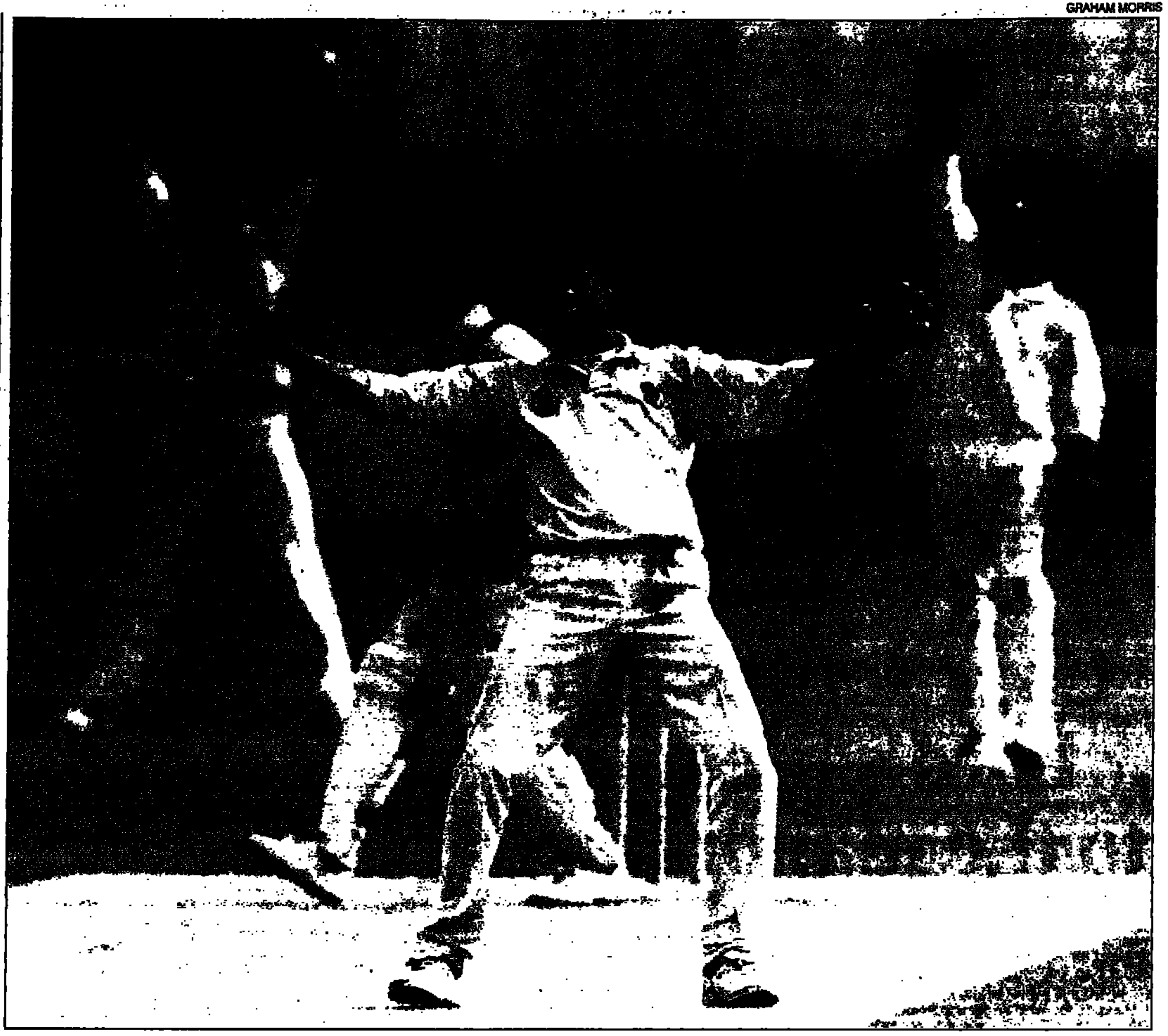

Brown, the Durham bowler, shows his delight after trapping Saqlain Mushtaq leg before at Chester-Le-Street yesterday

Durham facing another pitch battle

By Michael Henderson

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of three; Durham won toss): Durham, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 94 runs ahead of the Pakistanis

ON THE day he was stood down from Test duty Simon Brown helped bowl out the tourists with five good wickets but, as so often, he will end up paying for the batting deficiencies of his comrades. No championship match involving Durham this season, unaffected by rain, has reached the fourth day and when they were 15 for four last night it seemed unlikely this one would stretch into a third.

Durham hung on, just, as Roseberry, who had passed on the captain's duties earlier in the day to Morris, defied the pain of a fractured right index finger to bat through to stumps. However, there is not much to come either today, or for the rest of the season. Play, incidentally, continued until 7.25pm as both sides dawdled through their overs.

Batting was not easy on another sub-standard pitch, as balls alternately crept and flew. What this does for the batsmen's confidence is not hard to divine. In his two years as captain Roseberry has made no more than 60 in a championship innings and Morris's first-ball duck was his fourth this year. This gifted strokemaker, brought to Durham to lift the batting, currently averages 17 in first-class cricket.

Durham, therefore, have been hoist with their own petard. They prepared a sporting pitch — other adjectives spring to mind — and the only person to come a cropper was their captain. Pakistan will march on to Headingley sound in mind and body, and such is their bowling strength they should not be too worried about the kind of pitch that awaits them.

Wasim Akram, running in from ten paces, bowled 12 overs at the start of the innings, eight of them maidens, for the wickets of Daley and Hutton. Rehman took two wickets in successive balls, though not with the same ball. After Campbell played on there followed one of those familiar discussions about the shape of the ball — a Dukes this time — and, immediately it was replaced, Rehman found a beauty for Morris that lifted, and took the edge of a bat offered with no great enthusiasm.

Once again Rehman bowled with skill, moving the ball away from the batsman at a decent pace. At Headingley three years ago it was Paul Reiffel, the medium pacer, who excelled for Australia. Rehman, who is nippy without being "express" pace, can do a similar job for Pakistan later this week — unless Wasim pulls rank. Pakistan, deliberating over who bats at No 6 at Leeds, will not have learned much from their first innings. Salim Malik, who increasingly looks on the fringe of this team, scratched around for 30 and would now be even more vulnerable had Asif Mujtaba not failed, caught superbly by the diving Hutton at third slip for a duck.

If they want to find room for Saqlain Mushtaq, the promising off-spinner who took two wickets yesterday, it would mean promoting Rashid Latif and bringing Wasim in to bat at No 7. Such a move is worth consideration because it would give them a fifth bowler, and a good one at that, and the top order is in sufficiently good form to cover Malik indiscriminate form.

Rashid can hold a bat all right, as he proved by making 129 in 20 overs with his captain for the seventh wicket. As a result of their efforts the tourists took a two-run lead on first innings, despite surrendering their last four wickets cheaply. Before he was caught in the gully, Rashid made 55 from 67 balls. Wasim played some classic drives in his innings of 68, which ended when he missed one of the many balls that kept low.

Wood, the bowler, cost Durham 59 runs for it was his miss, at mid-off, that reprieved Wasim early in his innings. After the ever-willing Brown, the most successful bowler was Saggers, who arrived from Norfolk recently to help tide them over an injury crisis and has since signed up for the next two seasons.

By nightfall he was batting alongside Roseberry, whose heart must sink when he surveys the wreck of another innings. One man cannot be held responsible for the mess of their season and there is some serious thinking to be done before Durham resume engagements next year.

Lord's beckons for young cricketers eager to take on the world

By Ivo Tennant

In the decade since the first ESCA/Bunbury festival was staged with some trepidation on a sodden field in north London, any number of boys have come to the fore. In that initial, eventful week, a 15-year-old of elegant bearing stroked the ball around the wicket in unappealing conditions with an assurance that bespoke class. John Crawley was evidently a Test batsman in the making.

Ten years on, the annual festival is still run with conspicuous success. At Magdalen College's lovely ground in Oxford, numerous boys were looking to show the English Schools' Cricket Association's selectors they were worthy of inclusion in the England party for the inaugural under-15 World Cup. The week culminated in a two-wicket victory by ESCA over the President's XI in the final over.

The Lombard World Challenge, which starts tomorrow, will include teams from Australia, West Indies, New Zealand, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Canada and Holland as well as England. The competition was dreamt up by Ken Lake, the long-standing general secretary of ESCA, and David English, who wrote the Bunbury cartoon books.

The matches will be of 55 overs and will be played under International Cricket Council rules. Entry is free. The final, at Lord's on August 20, will be televised by BSkyB. Ian Botham, whose son, Liam, once played in a Bunbury festival, volunteered to commentate as soon as he heard of the project.

For a 14 or 15-year-old who has not ventured far from home before, or who conceivably has no experience of life beyond his township, to walk through the Long Room at Lord's could be a daunting experience in itself. To contend with a crowd far in excess of anything they have played in front of hitherto could prove terrifying. Or invigorating.

"As a result of our initiative, other countries, such as West Indies and Australia, have re-organised their structure. West Indies have started up an inter-island competition for under-15s," Lake said. "We demand academic excellence at this age, so why not sporting excellence? The boys will not be allowed to freeze. We shall designate to television who is to be interviewed and they will receive media training. I will be present at each interview."

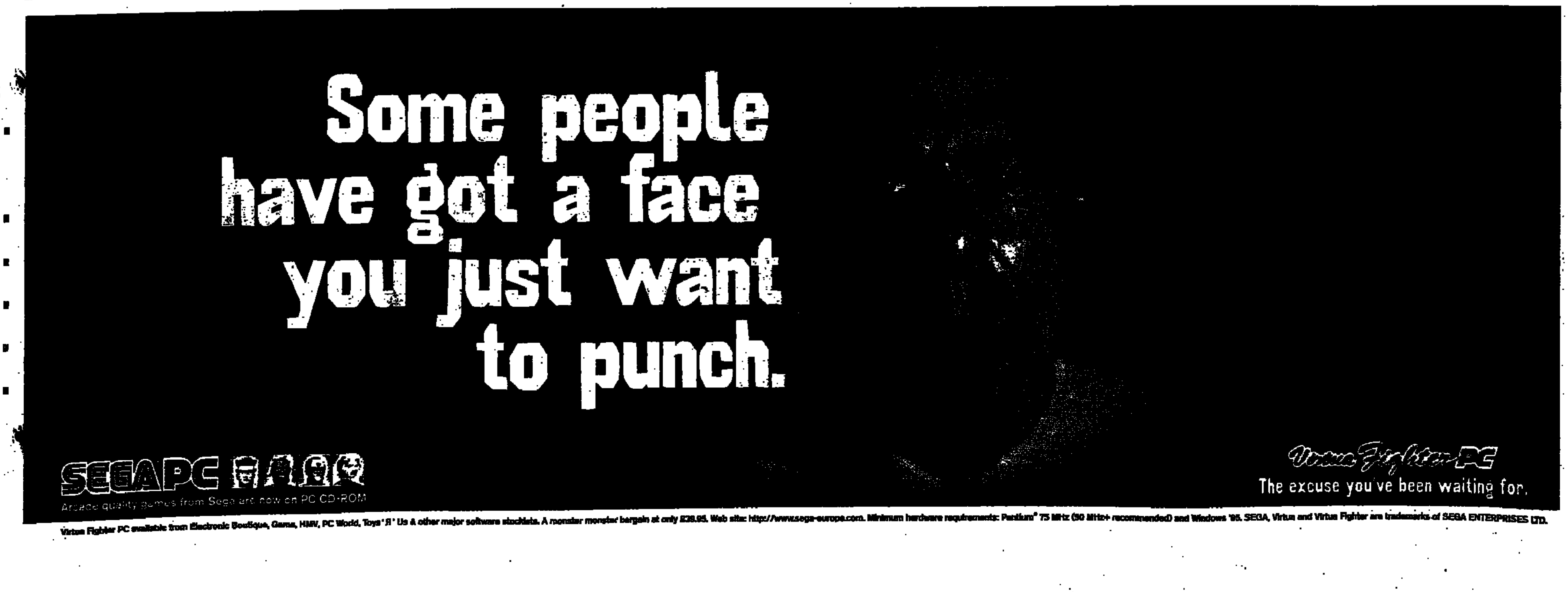
SPORT IN SCHOOLS

Gordon Lord, who will coach the England team, has no doubts that they are good enough to win. "There are some fabulously talented 14 and 15-year-olds available," he said. This, it should be added, is the case with some other countries. The Pakistan team will include the nephew of Javed Miandad and the sons of Majid Khan and Abdul Qadir, and there will be much interest in the mixed party from South Africa that will indicate the standard of cricketer they are developing.

"When the idea of a World Cup was mooted, I thought it was pie in the sky," Derek Day, the England manager, said. "Whatever is said about no cricket in schools, this is progress. I think a lot of people will be astounded by the abilities of the boys." Day exemplifies the selfless schoolmaster. He has been team manager of Lancashire under-15s since 1960 and well recalls taking David Lloyd, now the England coach, on the bus to Old Trafford from Accrington. He remembers Michael Atherton, the England captain, as a "nice young man, no different from how he is today". Down the years, Day has noticed how much easier it is to unearth promising batsmen. "Too many young bowlers do too much work on unsuitable indoor surfaces. Micky Stewart, the overall director of coaching, is looking to make them cut down on this," he said.

Six years ago, as the TCCB's under-19 coach, Lloyd attended the Bunbury festival at Oundle School. "People from abroad often say, 'where do you get your young players from?' I know Australia became concerned that their supply of fast bowlers was drying up and they have targeted 20 boys from the age of 13 to see how they turn out," he said. "I don't think 14 and 15-year-olds are too young for international cricket."

ENGLAND SQUAD: A Loudon (captain), S Byng, J Adams, G Bridge, C Burdon, M Carberry, J Francis, R Hunter, R Jones, B Murray, M Powell, B Stewart, C Taylor, G Tolt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Essex pace themselves for the final furlong

August is the month of fatalism and expediency in the county championship. While some clubs gloomily accept a season has passed them by, others explore all legitimate means of gathering points. Despite draw incentives and rigorous pitch guidelines, many games finish in three days on calculatingly indifferent surfaces.

The pattern is not about to alter, judging by this week's programme. Of the seven fixtures that began last Thursday, four were over by teatime on Saturday, the only surprise among them being a costly defeat for Yorkshire at Eastbourne, where the Sussex eighth-wicket pair shared a decisive century stand.

There were convincing wins for Derbyshire and Somerset, who both still harbour ambitions of place-money, at least. Derbyshire, a keen and revitalised force under Dean Jones, flattened Gloucestershire, whose last three games have all been over inside eight sessions, while Somerset won by an innings on a Taunton pitch chosen, just before the toss, for its greenness. Hampshire can hardly complain — they put Somerset in to bat and conceded 541 — but the principle is appropriate to the time of year.

Yet the most significant result, by far, came at Lord's. Middlesex are not the force of old, not even the force of last year — especially now that Mike Gatting has joined their bewildering injury list — but the scale and speed of their demolition by Essex was an indignity to which they are unaccustomed.

This especially applies to Paul Weekes and Mark Ramprakash, neither of whom had been out without scoring in the championship this season until a game in which they each collected a "pair". When this kind of thing happens to your two leading batsmen, the omens are not good. Middlesex, it can now safely be said, will not be winning the championship this year.

Essex, however, may do. As the only team to challenge Middlesex's enduring standards of the past 20 years, in which they have won six championships to their metropolitan neighbours' seven, they are formidable opponents at this time of year, when so often it is the teams with wisdom and wherewithal that emerge from the pack.

The sight of Essex nosing towards the head of the table during August can be compared to Nick Faldo generating a charge at the start of the final round, or to Pat Eddery, having waited with confidence behind a dispute of pacemakers, pulling out to cut down his field in the last furlong.

This championship season is not yet at that stage, which is why Keith Fletcher, the restored eminence of Essex, warned against loose talk after Saturday's win. It was the third in succession for Essex, but Fletcher, who knows a bit about the business of winning titles, is aware that an awful lot can change with six games still to come. "It is a bit too early to start analysing positions," he said soberly.

ALAN LEE

Championship Commentary

Not that this will stop anyone doing just that. This morning, Essex lie handily in fourth place. The three teams above them are Yorkshire, already showing signs of vertigo, Leicestershire, suffering damaging injuries at the worst time, and Surrey, with a long history of expired challenges to overcome. Kent could join them today now that Dean Headley's second hat-trick in successive games has given them realistic hope of overturning a 93-run first-innings deficit against Worcestershire.

Essex face three difficult away trips, to Somerset, Yorkshire and Warwickshire, but if they remain in touch after that, their last two games are at Chelmsford, against Sussex and Glamorgan — and one thing that can be said with certainty about Essex is that they are not chokers. Once involved in a battle, they tend to see it all the way through. Despite many changes of playing personnel and an inevitable revision of the good-timing sociability that once set them apart off the field as well as on, the essential spirit of the club is unchanged since 1979, when Fletcher led them to their first title.

Interestingly, the last time they won it was in 1992, immediately prior to Fletcher starting his unhappy spell as manager of England.

The nucleus of that side survives, with Hussain, Ilott, Such, the enduring and extraordinary Gooch and the new captain, Prichard. An understated character, he had a chastening first summer at the helm and possibly felt he was never quite in charge at all. However, he is growing into the position and has, at his disposal, some burgeoning talent, exemplified by the gangling 21-year-old, Ashley Cowan.

No young fast bowler this season has impressed so much as Cowan and, free at last from the injury that interrupted him, he took eight wickets in the win at Lord's. If he stays fit, he will be a treasure way beyond the embers of this season, for Essex have long required a new-ball partner for the willing Ilott.

The most compelling reason for believing in Essex's prospects of the title, however, is that they know how to win. It is not just those who have been there before, though there are plenty of them, but the skill with which they have woven men of substance and ambition into their team.

Stuart Law led Queensland for much of their inaugural Sheffield Shield triumph two winters ago, while Ronnie Irani and Paul Grayson, who arrived from Lancashire and Yorkshire respectively, already contribute as much with their attitude as their considerable ability. Seven weeks from now, they may all have something to celebrate.

CRICKET

Carr settles into Lord's life as if to the manor born

By Pat Gibson

THE cynics, of whom there are many on the county cricket circuit, had a field day when they heard that John Carr, son of Donald, the first secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), alumnus of Repton and Oxford and vice-captain of Middlesex, was retiring to take one of the top jobs at Lord's.

All their perceived prejudices — nepotism, privilege, the old school tie, the Oxbridge mafia and home counties bias — were given an airing. It was not so much jobs for the boys, one of them scoffed, as a job for the boy.

There was one snag. It was hard to think of anyone who was better qualified than Carr to fill the position of "Cricket Operations Manager", the new title for the position left vacant by Tim Lamb's promotion from cricket secretary to chief executive of the TCCB.

The fact is that Carr has been preparing for such a job all his life. He was born in Elm Tree Road, which is virtually the Lord's back garden, in the days when MCC housed its employees there and his father, a former captain of Derbyshire and England, was an assistant secretary. Carr Jr would get home from school at Hampstead, pick up a sandwich and have his tea while watching the last session of play.

At Oxford, he got a degree in philosophy, politics and economics, all of which should stand him in good stead in cricket's corridors of powers, and at the same time began his Middlesex career with the same ambition to play for England as every young player. He never got that far. He started well enough, but, after going through two particularly lean seasons at the end of the Eighties, he decided to retire from the game at the age of 27 and take a job in the City as a management trainee with Barclays Bank.

It was probably the best career move he could have made. Eighteen months of that was enough to convince him that banking was not for him and made him realise the importance of working in a field where he had a genuine interest. It was back to Middlesex and a new lease of life.

Carr: determined

That he was his own man was apparent in the way he defied the purists by adopting his own, idiosyncratic stance, with bat cocked somewhere around his right ear. "I know it wasn't everybody's cup of tea and I wouldn't advocate it for anybody else," he said, "but I devised a method whereby I could scratch out my runs a little bit more consistently than before."

Now, having scratched out thousands of runs in the past five years to put himself in line for the Middlesex captaincy when Mike Gatting calls it a day in the not-too-distant future, he has confirmed his strength of mind by retiring for a second time at 33 to embark on a new career.

"I hope that Middlesex will go for a younger captain because there's been a nice line of succession through Mike Brearley and Mike Gatting and I think it would be a shame if somebody just stepped in for a year or two," he said. "I hope they will make another long-term appointment and that it's another great success story."

As for his new job, he admitted: "I've always envied Tim Lamb doing it, to be honest. It's a pure cricket job, which is very closely related to what's actually happening on the field. I think it's a great opportunity for me."

It is also a great responsibility. Apart from taking on Lamb's core tasks, like compiling the fixture lists and reviewing the playing conditions, he will take an important role as the soon-to-be-established English Cricket Board sets about integrating all cricket from the playground to the Test arena.

"We believe we've made absolutely the right appointment," Lamb said. "John is the right sort of age, he's got the right sort of background, he's had a lot of experience at all levels of the game, he's helped to set up the Middlesex Cricket Board and he has played first-class cricket. That was not an absolute prerequisite for the job, but it does not half give him an advantage."

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Stewart leads Surrey assault on three peaks

Michael Henderson

talks to Alec Stewart,
whose county is still
chasing three trophies

Alec Stewart may feel like a mountaineer on a ledge of ice, looking up at the mountain peak. "We've done well to get this far", the Surrey captain could tell his players, who are heavily involved in the three competitions yet to be decided. "One more push and we're there". Surrey have been here before, and landed on their hind quarters. Has anything changed?

According to Stewart, yes it has. "We're a more mature side," he said. "We have always had the talent and this year it has been reflected in our results." So far. The remaining six weeks of the season will reveal whether they have acquired the necessary application.

Stewart does not need reminding that when Surrey last won the championship, in 1971, his father, Micky, was the captain. Since then, the club has won only the NatWest Trophy in 1982, and the past couple of years have been particularly unhappy, as rumour chased counter-rumour round the Oval's renovated corridors.

As captain, Stewart has been in the thick of it, and now that the tide is beginning to turn he intends to turn with it. No longer does he want to be regarded as a nearly man, nearly the captain of England and nearly a fulfilled Surrey cricketer. "I've been here since 1981, and when we won the NatWest a year later I was not part of the team," he said. "In my time we have reached another NatWest final, in 1991. Now it is time to go one stage further."

Surrey have made good the loss of Stewart, Thorpe and Lewis to the England team. They lie third in the championship, with two games in hand over Yorkshire, who put them out of the Benson and Hedges Cup at the Oval, one of their few poor performances of the summer. They began yesterday top of the Sunday League, and they play Essex tomorrow week in a NatWest Trophy semi-final on their own ground.

"To be top, or near the top, in both leagues is nigh on perfect," Stewart said. "From now on every game is going to be like a cup final but, if we keep winning, then the others will not catch us. It is so much easier to captain a team when you are playing well."

Stewart is keen to lose his reputation as a nearly man for county and country. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Two years ago, when Surrey sacked Geoff Arnold as coach without reference to Stewart, there was some doubt whether he would carry on in the job. Those were the dark days of Glyn Woodman, a chief executive who appeared not to understand that a cricket club is primarily about cricket. Members of staff mysteriously left the Oval, and a pall of gloom descended on the place, which is only lifting now.

"There was no way I was ever going to leave Surrey," Stewart said, "but when they sacked Geoff I wondered whether it was worth carrying on as captain. This year, I am happy to say, has been the most enjoyable for about four years. People said it was an unhappy place but when you are in the middle of it you don't necessarily notice what is going on.

"This year, we have won games that we would not have done before, last week's NatWest victory against Somerset being an example. Thorpey has been outstanding. Lewis has made a big difference and Martin Bicknell has stayed fit." The arrival from Australia of Dave Gilbert, the coach, who is only two years older than Stewart, has also proved beneficial.

The biggest advances have been made by Adam Hollioake and Mark Butcher, who have added signifcantly to their reputations. Stewart thinks that Butcher, the left-handed opener, will make an England batsman — "whether or not he starts down the order and works up" — and that two Hollioakes may eventually emerge.

"I think of them as being like the Waughs. Adam is all hustle and bustle, like Steve Waugh, and Ben is quieter, like Mark. For an 18-year-old, Ben has done a very good job. To bowl eight overs at the death in a Sunday game, as he has done, is quite something".

So there is plenty for Stewart to play for in the next month, and everybody at the Oval knows it. They're due.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Gloucestershire

DERBY (third day of four): Derbyshire (23pts) beat Gloucestershire (5) by seven wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 217 (M G N Windows 76, P A J DeFreitas 5 for 72)

Second Innings

N J Trainor b Malcolm	2
M G N Windows c Krikken b Cork	25
T H C Hancock lbw b DeFreitas	14
M A Lynch c DeFreitas b Cork	48
M W Alleyne not out	50
A Symonds c Jones b Cork	19
R P Davis c Rollins b Cork	5
J Lewis b Malcolm	8
†R C Russell c Cork b DeFreitas	0
*C A Walsh b DeFreitas	0
A M Smith st Krikken b DeFreitas	10
Extras (lb 6, nb 14)	20
Total	201

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-53, 3-69, 4-118, 5-144, 6-152, 7-176, 8-185, 9-185

BOWLING: Malcolm 14-6-25-2; DeFreitas 27.4-5-93-4; Cork 28-9-53-4; Dean 6-2-24-0

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 335 (D G Cork 71, D M Jones 69, K J Barnett 65; C A Walsh 4 for 110)

Second Innings

K J Barnett c Lynch b Lewis	31
A S Rollins not out	31
T J G O'Gorman c Russell b Lewis	0
C M Wells b Alleyne	1
*D M Jones not out	14
Extras (lb 9, w 1)	10
Total (3 wkts)	87

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-52, 3-57.

BOWLING: Walsh 7-0-33-0, Lewis 11.1-2-37-2, Alleyne 5-1-8-1

Umpires: J H Harris and G Sharp

Leicestershire v Northamptonshire

LEICESTER (third day of four): Leicestershire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 173 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 422 (V J Wells 204, P V Simmons 75; J N Snape 4 for 42)

Second Innings

V J Wells c Ripley b Ambrose	4
D L Maddy not out	61
G I Macmillan lbw b Taylor	12
A Habib lbw b Ambrose	1
*P V Simmons b Snape	72
†P A Nixon not out	14
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1, nb 4)	12
Total (4 wkts)	176

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-26, 3-31, 4-143

BOWLING: Ambrose 8-0-21-2; Taylor 7-0-34-1; Snape 17-6-49-1; Emburey 21-5-52-0; Penberthy 8-2-23-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

*A Fordham b Brimson	9
M B Loye c Nixon b Wells	4
T C Walton c Nixon b Simmons	51
D J Capel c Parsons b Simmons	29
K M Curran b Mullally	150
A L Penberthy c Parsons b Mullally	87
J N Snape lbw b Brimson	37
†D Ripley b Pierson	9
J E Emburey not out	6
C E L Ambrose c Nixon b Mullally	5
J P Taylor c sub b Mullally	5
Extras (b 13, lb 9, w 2, nb 9)	33
Total	425

Score at 120 overs: 398-6

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-32, 3-85, 4-114, 5-340, 6-371, 7-404, 8-404, 9-411.

BOWLING: Mullally 38.2-10-112-4, Parsons 19-5-49-0; Wells 10-3-37-1; Brimson 19-6-65-2; Simmons 14-2-50-2; Pierson 32-4-85-1; Macmillan 1-0-5-0.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 6 Northamptonshire 8

Umpires: R Julian and J D Bond

Kent v Worcestershire

CANTERBURY (third day of four): Worcestershire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 239 runs ahead of Kent

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 458 for 9 dec (G A Hick 148, S R Lampitt 88, K R Spiring 71, S J Rhodes 68)

Second Innings

T S Curtis c Willis b Headley	19
W P C Weston c Fulton b McCague	0
G A Hick b McCague	86
*T M Moody b Headley	2
K R Spiring c Hooper b Headley	0
V S Solanki b Headley	0
†S J Rhodes not out	17
S R Lampitt not out	8
Extras (b 9, lb 3, nb 2)	14
Total (6 wkts)	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-78, 3-80, 4-86, 5-86, 6-131

BOWLING: McCague 11-1-49-2; Headley 12-1-44-4, Patel 17-8-35-0, Hooper 4-1-6-0

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton lbw b Lampitt	28
M J Walker c Solanki b Moody	57
T R Ward b Lampitt	41
*C L Hooper b Illingworth	76
N J Llong c Lampitt b Ellis	49
M V Fleming b Lampitt	37
†S C Willis lbw b Illingworth	29
M J McCague b Lampitt	0
D W Headley c Rhodes b Moody	10
M M Patel not out	15
M A Ealham b Illingworth	0
Extras (b 6, lb 2, w 2, nb 14)	24
Total (114.3 overs)	366

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-124, 3-150, 4-258, 5-292, 6-321, 7-321, 8-348, 9-366.

BOWLING: Sheriyar 20-3-83-0; Ellis 9-0-55-1; Lampitt 28-7-92-4, Moody 24-8-67-2. Illingworth 33.3-10-61-3

Bonus points: Kent 6 Worcestershire 8.

Umpires: H D Bird and J W Holder

Middlesex v Essex

LORD'S (third day of four): Essex (24pts) beat Middlesex (5) by an innings and 51 runs

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 264 (J D Carr 66, K R Brown 64 not out, J C Pooley 50; A P Cowan 4 for 76, M C Ilott 4 for 47)

Second Innings

P N Weekes c Gooch b Ilott	0
J C Pooley b Williams	15
M R Ramprakash lbw b Ilott	0
*J D Carr c Rollins b Cowan	17
P E Wellings c Williams b Cowan	23
†K R Brown lbw b Irani	6
J P Hewitt b Cowan	27
R L Johnson c Such b Irani	5
A R C Fraser c Prichard b Irani	4
P C R Tufnell not out	16
R A Fay c Rollins b Cowan	0
Extras (lb 2, nb 6)	8
Total	121

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-20, 4-48, 5-63, 6-74, 7-88, 8-92, 9-105

BOWLING: Ilott 7-2-16-2, Williams 6-1-39-1, Irani 13-4-29-3; Cowan 12.3-2-35-4

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch c Brown b Weekes	92
A P Grayson c Brown b Fraser	140
N Hussain c Hewitt b Tufnell	35
S G Law c sub b Fraser	9
*P J Prichard c Brown b Johnson	67
R C Irani lbw b Fraser	9
†R J Rollins c Weekes b Johnson	10
M C Ilott c Brown b Fraser	1
N F Williams c Ramprakash b Tufnell	13
A P Cowan c and b Tufnell	24
P M Such not out	1
Extras (lb 20, w 1, nb 14)	35
Total	436

Score at 120 overs: 419-8

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-171, 2-222, 3-243, 4-358, 5-380, 6-385, 7-396, 8-396, 9-433

BOWLING: Fraser 40-6-122-4; Johnson 23-3-96-2, Hewitt 17-3-101-0; Tufnell 39.4-21-53-3, Weekes 8-0-44-1.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer

Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan

WORKSOP (third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 13 runs behind Glamorgan

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 371 (A A Metcalfe 128)

Second Innings

P R Pollard c James b Croft	24
R T Robinson not out	52
†W M Noon lbw b Watkin	0
A A Metcalfe not out	20
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 4)	9
Total (2 wkts)	105

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-69

BOWLING: Watkin 11-3-23-1; Gibson 12-1-39-0, Croft 17-4-37-1, Kendrick 2-1-1-0

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Noon b Bates	235
H Morris c Noon b Mike	69
A W Evans st Noon b Afford	21
†C P Metson c Pollard b Afford	11
*M P Maynard c Noon b Cairns	38
P A Cottey b Mike	11
G P Butcher b Cairns	1
O D Gibson c Noon b Evans	30
R D B Croft c Afford b Bates	56
N M Kendrick not out	1
S L Watkin c Cairns b Bates	0
Extras (b 6, lb 4, nb 6)	16
Total	489

Score at 120 overs: 401-7.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-152, 2-214, 3-255, 4-317, 5-334, 6-335, 7-383, 8-488, 9-489

BOWLING: Evans 25-4-89-1, Mike 23-4-104-2, Bowen 20-7-64-0, Bates 23.5-4-72-3, Afford 35-9-90-2; Cairns 15-2-60-2.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 6 Glamorgan 7

Umpires: B Dudleston and K J Lyons.

Somerset v Hampshire

TAUNTON (third day of four): Somerset (24pts) beat Hampshire (3) by an innings and 151 runs

SOMERSET: First Innings 541 (M E Trescothick 178, G D Rose 93 not out, R J Turner 57, R J Harden 54; J N B Bovill 4 for 140)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 159 (J S Laney 50; A R Caddick 5 for 46)

Second Innings

*J P Stephenson c sub b Parsons	21
J S Laney c Turner b Caddick	32
K D James run out	19
R A Smith c Rose b Batty	3
V P Terry c Lathwell b Batty	20
†A N Aymes c Turner b Caddick	12
M Keech c Bowler b Batty	61
W S Kendall lbw b Rose	19
S D Udal not out	25
S M Milburn c Bowler b Batty	4
J N B Bovill c Bowler b Batty	1
Extras (lb 6, nb 8)	14
Total	231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-65, 3-68, 4-86, 5-96, 6-126, 7-186, 8-212, 9-225

BOWLING: Caddick 20-8-44-2; Lee 2-0-25-0, Rose 16-6-46-1; Parsons 7-2-25-1. Batty 24.4-4-85-5

Umpires: A A Jones and M J Kitchen.

Sussex v Yorkshire

EASTBOURNE (third day of four): Sussex (22pts) beat Yorkshire (7) by two wickets

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 345 (P J Hartley 89, R J Blakey 80 not out; V C Drakes 5 for 99)

Second Innings 133 (D Byas 72 not out, E S H Giddins 6 for 47)

SUSSEX: First Innings 253 (C W J Athey 100; P J Hartley 6 for 67)

Second Innings

C W J Athey lbw b Hartley	47
J W Hall b Gough	3
*A P Wells lbw b Gough	0
K Greenfield b Hartley	12
M P Speight c Stemp b Hartley	0
D R Law c Blakey b Gough	43
†P Moores not out	39
I D K Salisbury c Bevan b Hartley	0
V C Drakes c and b Silverwood	59
J D Lewry not out	6
Extras (b 2, lb 5, nb 10)	17
Total (8 wkts)	226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-24, 3-47, 4-47, 5-111, 6-114, 7-114, 8-218.

BOWLING: Hartley 22-4-86-4; Gough 19-6-59-3; White 4-2-11-0; Silverwood 8-0-32-1; Stemp 9-6-17-0; Bevan 3-0-14-0

Umpires: V A Holder and T E Jesty

DERMOT REEVE BENEFIT MATCH: World XI 215-9 (R G Twose 52). Warwickshire 217-6 (D R Brown 78 not out, S M Pollock 72). Warwickshire won by four wickets.

CRICKET: AUSTRALIAN GIVES YORKSHIRE UPPER HAND WITH INSPIRED SUNDAY LEAGUE SPELL

Bevan's bowling bemuses Sussex

By Simon Wilde

EASTBOURNE (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Sussex by eight wickets

SUSSEX have long been an infuriating team to watch. For generations their cricket has said: "We are capable of anything, but do not expect us to do it too often".

This weekend was a fine case in point. They produced the goods on Saturday, pulling off an extraordinary championship win over a Yorkshire side that had the beating of them several times, but yesterday were at their incorrigible worst, throwing away a strong position in spectacular fashion.

It was an act of generosity that even Yorkshire, in their fragile mental state, could not spurn and they went on to win at a canter, with 26 balls to spare, a result that puts them equal second with Surrey in the AXA Equity & Law League.

TABLE

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
Northants (13)	12	8	3	1	34
Surrey (9)	12	8	4	0	32
Yorkshire (12)	13	8	5	0	32
Middlesex (17)	12	7	4	1	30
Worcestershire (3)	12	6	3	3	30
Warwickshire (2)	11	7	4	0	28
Nottinghamshire (11)	11	7	4	0	28
Derbyshire (8)	12	5	4	3	26
Kent (1)	12	6	5	1	26
Leicestershire (7)	12	5	5	2	24
Somerset (14)	11	5	5	1	22
Sussex (10)	12	4	6	2	20
Lancashire (4)	11	5	6	0	20
Glamorgan (6)	11	4	5	2	20
Hampshire (18)	11	4	6	1	18
Essex (5)	12	3	8	1	14
Gloucestershire (15)	12	3	8	1	14
Durham (16)	13	1	11	1	6

(Last season's positions in brackets)

The bare bones of Sussex's batting collapse tell much of the tale. Keith Greenfield and Rajesh Rao, a promising young cricketer who has yet to appear for the county outside the Sunday league, shared an opening partnership of 108 in 24 overs and a total in excess of 250 looked likely. From that point, though, all ten wickets were lost within 17 overs, for the addition of 98 runs.

What these details do not tell is the means of their ruin. They were stopped in their tracks by the bowling of Michael Bevan, an overseas player signed for his brilliant batting. Nominally, he purveys chinamen, but yesterday bowled at medium pace. The ball came through at a variety of lengths and heights.

Those who have faced him before know what to expect but Sussex clearly had not and their first five men perished in the space of six overs from the Australian. The most shamefaced will be Speight, who pulled a full toss into the hands of square leg. Bevan had not previously taken more than three wickets in any innings at senior level.

Among his other victims were Drakes and Law, capped after their key parts in the championship win. The worst was now seen of them, too. Drakes was leg-before attempting a sweep at his second ball and Law, having hit a six the previous ball, heaved and was caught off a top edge.

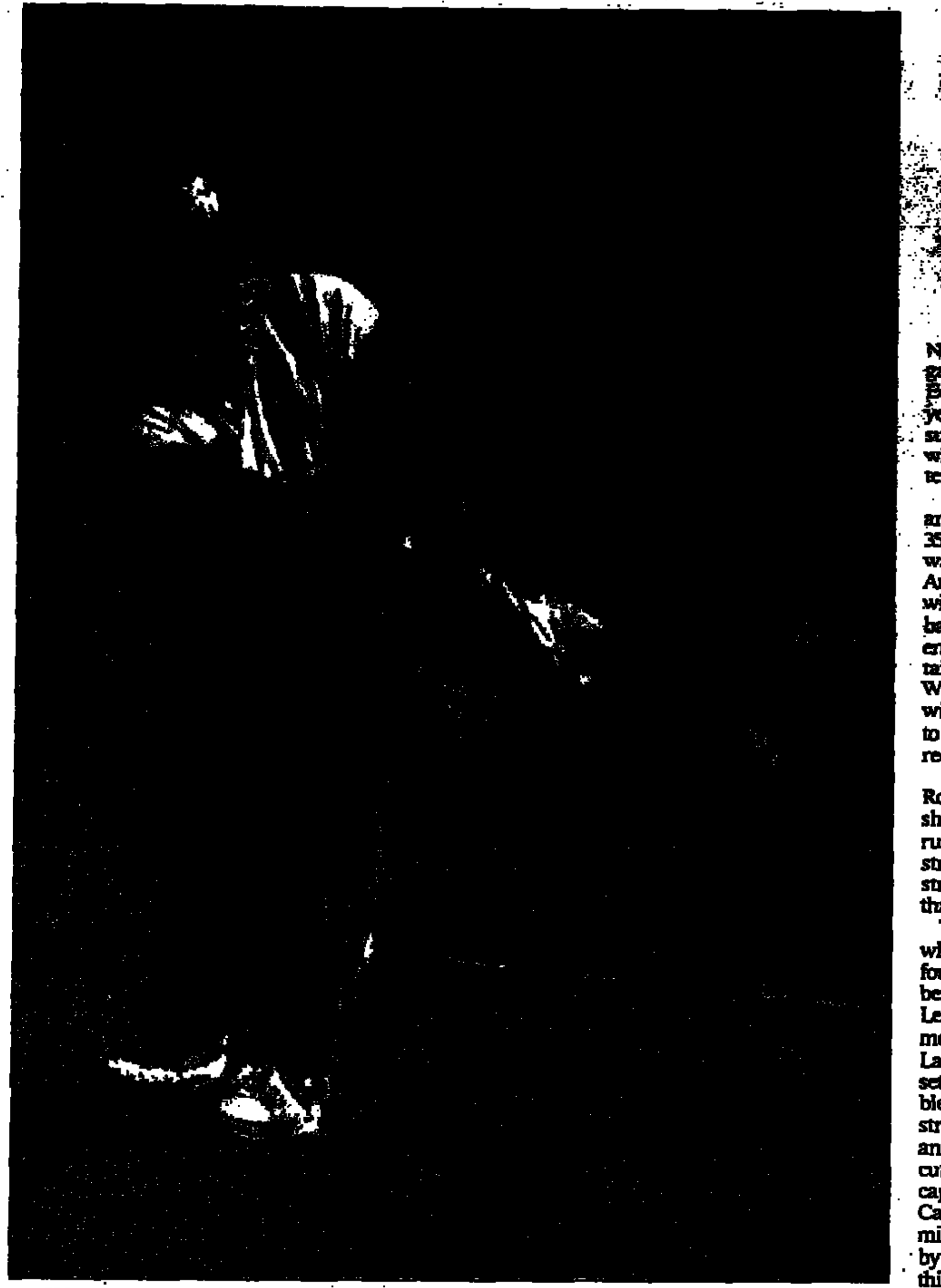
Nor did either do anything with the ball later and Drakes, trying to field the ball with his foot, missed and saw it go for four. A third Sussex player, Lewry, was also capped but missed the match with a back strain.

Bevan might have had a sixth wicket had McGrath and Moxon not made heavy weather of a top-edged pull by Wells, who was then 22 and stayed to be last man out for 41. He was the only Sussex batsman after Greenfield and Rao, who scored 64 from 80 balls, to build an innings. Yorkshire's next most successful bowler, less surprisingly, was Hartley, who took three for 30.

Despite an impressive opening spell for Kirtley, who knocked back Moxon's middle stump, Yorkshire soon put Sussex's total into perspective, Byas and Vaughan hitting the ball freely in an entertaining second-wicket stand of 114 in 20 overs.

Vaughan, who gave a sharp, early chance to slip off Kirtley, finished with an unbeaten 71, the highest league score of his career, but the best batting of the innings came from McGrath, who joined him in a match-winning partnership of 69 in 11 overs. McGrath's share was a forthright 49 from 42 balls, eight of which he hit for four.

Although they did not need his batting yesterday, Yorkshire will miss Bevan if, as expected, he leaves after the NatWest Trophy semi-finals to join Australia at their camp prior to visiting Sri Lanka. If that visit is cancelled, as it might well be, he could be back promptly to assist his county in their pursuit of three trophies. Sussex must be wishing he had gone already.



Wren sweeps as he tries to resuscitate the Kent innings against Worcestershire

Listless Kent pay the price

By Pat Gibson

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Kent by ten wickets

KENT'S hopes of retaining the Axa Equity & Law League title suffered a severe setback with this emphatic defeat at the hands of Worcestershire, who are now in a strong position to challenge for it themselves.

With that in mind, Graeme Hick's banishment from the England side could not have come at a better time for them, although he had little chance to work off his frustration yesterday. Such was Worcestershire's dominance that he was not even required to bat as Tom Moody and Philip Weston swept them to victory inside 18 overs.

The champions were without Ealham, their England all-rounder, because of his rib injury and Marsh, their new captain, who is still recovering from a broken finger, but that was no excuse for their shambolic batting, listless bowling and slipshod fielding.

Hooper, the acting captain, had chosen to bat on a pitch which was entirely blameless for their collapse to 135 all out. Fleming set the pattern by getting a bottom edge onto his stumps in Ellis's first over and Walker quickly followed suit by pulling Moody to mid-wicket.

Ward was caught at point driving at a wide one from Ellis. Hooper edged Moody to the wicketkeeper, and, just as Long was beginning to engineer some sort of recovery, Cowdrey ran him out.

Hick did get into the act by racing in from the square-leg boundary to catch Cowdrey off Lampitt before picking up two wickets with his off-breaks and Kent would not have got as far as they did but for an unbeaten 31 by Willis and a generous contribution of 30 extras.

A misfield gave Worcestershire their first boundary; Moody took 16, including three successive fours, in one over from the hapless Wren and then welcomed Fleming with another three fours in a row, one of which left the bat at such velocity that even Hooper was forced into evasive action.

Weston was even more punishing and finally outstripped his captain by hitting Long for a six and two fours in his first over and another six off the first ball of his second to settle the issue.

Moody finished with 53 off 51 balls with eight fours; Weston 78 off 54 balls with two sixes and 12 fours; and the 7,000 crowd, which had been pouring in since mid-morning went home bitterly disillusioned. They had spent more time waiting for play to start than watching the actual cricket.

Leicester pose few challenges to new leaders

By Ivo Tennant

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE regained their lead in the AXA Equity & Law Sunday League yesterday, achieving an absurdly straightforward six-wicket victory over Leicestershire with 11 overs in hand.

Leicestershire were put in and bowled out for 133 within 35 overs. No one individual was responsible for this — Ambrose and Snape took two wickets apiece — and yet no batsman made anything like enough runs. Simmons, captain in place of the injured Whitaker, was the top scorer with 26. Nixon contributed 19 to bring about some sort of a recovery from 97 for six.

A brilliant unbeaten 122 by Robin Smith enabled Hampshire to beat Somerset by 44 runs. The England batsman struck 18 fours and two straight sixes in an innings that lasted for just 102 balls.

This was the kind of form which, alas, Smith has not found too often in this, his benefit season. Caddick and Lee are capable of containing most batsmen, but not so now. Lathwell was the one Somerset batsman who looked capable of matching such strokeplay, but, having made an attractive 49, he carelessly cut Stephenson, Hampshire's captain, to backward point. Caddick did celebrate his imminent return to Test cricket by hitting 39, his best score in this competition.

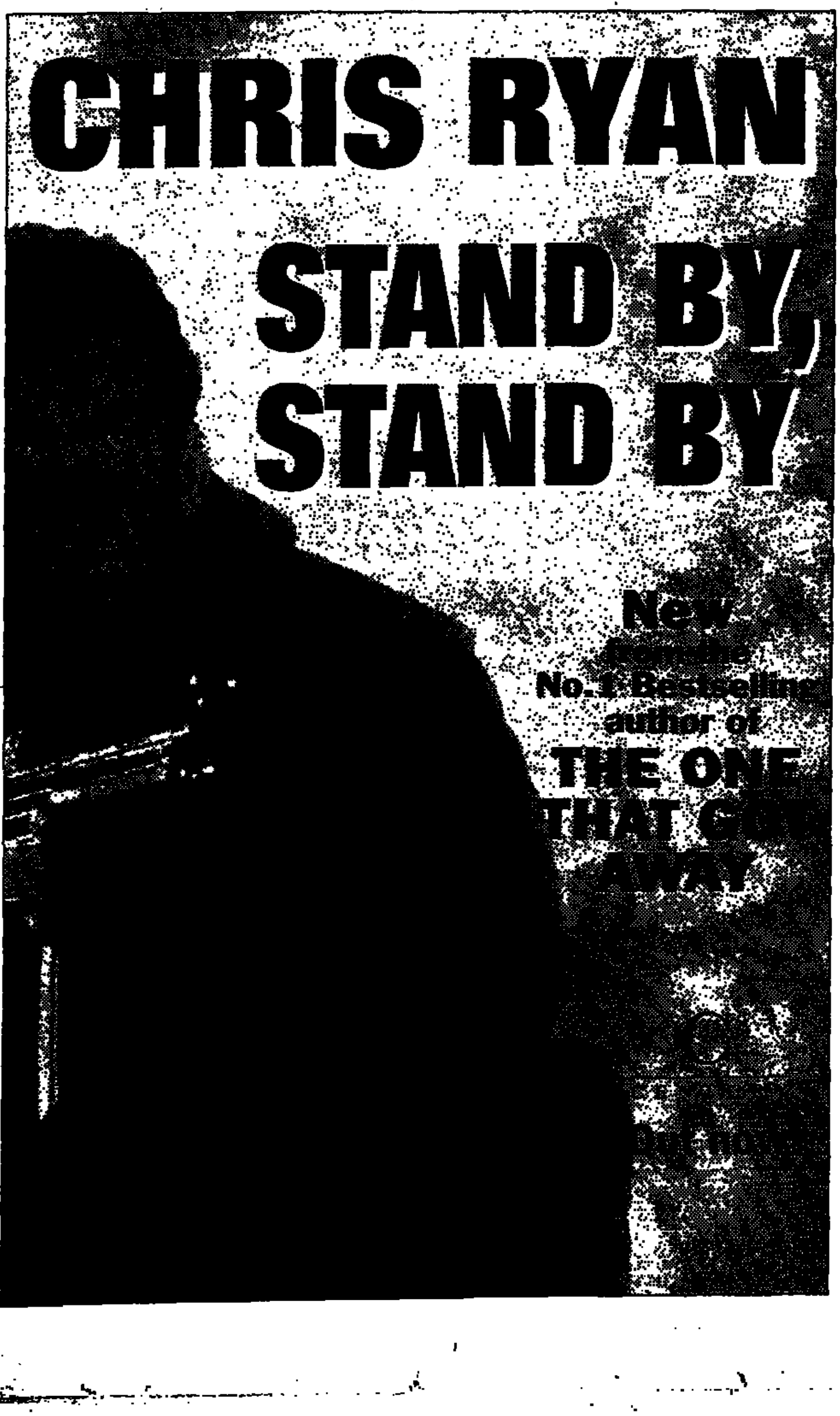
There was further impressive batting at Trent Bridge, where Dowman, Nottinghamshire's England Under-19 batsman, also achieved his best Sunday score — an unbeaten 70 — in his side's nine-wicket victory over Glamorgan.

Robinson, in the course of making 55 off 70 balls, reached 6,000 runs in the Sunday League. Another England batsman, Maynard, made runs in Glamorgan's innings, but not sufficient. Cottey, Dale and Croft all contributed useful scores, but not enough for Nottinghamshire's opening pair to have to take unnecessary risks.

South Africa A achieved the second first-class victory of their tour when they wrapped up the Surrey second innings just after lunch to win by 157 runs.

Alistair Brown departed to his third ball of the morning without adding to his overnight score of 32 when he was leg-before to Lance Klusener.

Nadeem Shahid, resuming on 67, struck three early boundaries but his flow had dried up before he was caught at slip, one of five victims for left-arm spinner Nicky Boje.



Sales worthy of advancement

By Rupert Cox

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): England Under-19 drew with New Zealand Under-19

ALMOST one in four players manage to graduate from England's Under-19 set-up to the full Test team. It is likely, then, that some of them who competed at Manchester in the first international will progress into and beyond the realms of county cricket.

They will, no doubt, experience greater disappointments than failure to force a win over New Zealand, who having been set 323, looked a beaten side at 200 for six only for Stephen Cunis to lead them to safety with an unbeaten 42.

Northamptonshire have three outstanding batsmen in this year's contingent with David Sales, in particular, continuing to enhance an already burgeoning reputation. His cricketing CV is already brimming with age-group tours and that remarkable first-class debut in which he made an unbeaten 210.

This led to Northamptonshire's vain attempt to have Sales released from England duty. "It was never a real issue, the counties had agreed that under-19 cricket takes precedence over all but the full England side. Besides, David is available to play in five of his county's last six championship matches," Micky Stewart, who oversees the Development of Excellence, said.

It is, none the less, refreshing to see the eagerness of John Emburey, the Northamptonshire coach, to promote youth.

As England struggled to come to terms with an arid Old Trafford surface, declining during their first innings to 92 for four, Sales, in conjunction with Surrey's lively all-rounder, Ben Hollioake, added a telling 101 for the fifth wicket. This was a necessarily restrained performance but although forced into a cautious role he responded with a half-century from 111 balls, with six fours.

In the second innings, when he was able to play in a more flamboyant style as England sought to improve on a narrow lead on first innings, he showed his full array of attacking strokes. Unafraid to take the aerial route, he suggested that of the batting talent on view his is the most mature, and therefore the most likely to fit comfortably into the class above.

It is not too early to talk of the England A tour this coming winter. It just needs the selectors to trust his precocious gifts.

Bradfield take cup for first time

ROEHAMPTON (Bradfield Waifs won toss): Bradfield Waifs beat Uppingham Rovers by 23 runs

THE thirtieth final of *The Cricketer* Cup, contested in the 75th year of the game's foremost publication, was won, appropriately enough, by Bradfield Waifs for the first time. This is the *alma mater* of Ben Brocklehurst, proprietor of the magazine, as well as of Mark Nicholas, the former captain of Hampshire, who led the old boys to a narrow victory on the Bank of England ground.

Nicholas is also a director of *The Cricketer*, which, incidentally, has never faced such competition for circulation as it does now. This would indicate an increasing interest in the game at all levels, including this competition, which has attracted no fewer than 129 past and present first-class players, several England captains among them. A sponsor is required for next year.

On a slow pitch which had some uneven bounce, Bradfield mustered 226 in their 55 overs. As an illustration of just how difficult run-making was, Nicholas, who made 160 in their quarter-final victory over Repton Pilgrims, collected 11 in 14 overs before the medium-paced Timm had him taken at the wicket off one that lifted.

Much depended in Bradfield's middle order on Came, who made 41 and later held an excellent slip catch, and Brigman, who contributed 40. It was not a pitch for spinners, Agnew, brother of the BBC's cricket correspondent, failing to take a wicket. Uppingham ran out three batsman in the final over.

Had Kennedy, a property developer who was one of the more experienced members of his side, been given greater support, Uppingham would have won. He was the one batsman to make a half-century.

Time was when the band — which was of the steel variety yesterday — would strike up during play, as was the case in Canterbury week. Cricket is taken too seriously for that now, but this remains one of the most agreeable of fixtures. Sir Oliver Popplewell, President of MCC, presented the cup to the winners.

SCORES: Bradfield Waifs 226; Uppingham Rovers 203 (D J Kennedy 82).

Tetley's Challenge Series

Durham v Pakistanis

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of three; Durham won toss): Durham, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 94 runs ahead of the Pakistanis

DURHAM: First Innings

S L Campbell c Ata-ur-Rehman b Shahid	22
S Hutton b Shahid	34
J E Morris c Asif b Shahid	12
J A Daley c Rashid b Wasim	27
*M A Roseberry not out	98
R M S Weston lbw b Wasim	0
†D G C Ligertwood c Wasim b Asif	16
J Wood c Ijaz b Saqlain	21
S J E Brown c and b Saqlain	1
M J Saggers b Saqlain	7
N Killeen b Wasim	32
Extras (b 7, lb 2, nb 33)	42
Total	307

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-69, 3-92, 4-157, 5-170, 6-195, 7-245, 8-248, 9-262.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 23.2-6-85-3; Ata-ur-Rehman 16-0-67-0; Saqlain Mushtaq 34-6-89-3; Shahid Nazir 6.1-1-20-3; Ijaz Ahmed 2.5-0-14-0; Asif Mujtaba 7-1-22-1

Second Innings

S L Campbell b Ata-ur-Rehman	0
S Hutton b Wasim	7
J E Morris c Rashid b Ata-ur-Rehman	0
J A Daley c Rashid b Wasim	5
R M S Weston c Asif b Saqlain	15
†D G C Ligertwood lbw b Asif	27
*M A Roseberry not out	30
J Wood lbw b Saqlain	0
S J E Brown not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 7, nb 2)	12
Total (7 wkts)	96

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-5, 3-14, 4-15, 5-47, 6-87, 7-88.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 12-8-9-2; Ata-ur-Rehman 15-3-41-2; Asif Mujtaba 3-0-8-1; Saqlain Mushtaq 12-5-27-2; Salim Malik 1-0-1-0.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings

Saeed Anwar b Brown	20
Shadab Kabir c Ligertwood b Brown	18
Ijaz Ahmed c Morris b Saggers	17
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Ligertwood b Saggers	44
Salim Malik c Ligertwood b Brown	30
Asif Mujtaba c Hutton b Brown	0
†Rashid Latif c Daley b Wood	55
*Wasim Akram b Wood	68
Saqlain Mushtaq lbw b Brown	0
Ata-ur-Rehman b Saggers	15
Shahid Nazir not out	5
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 3, nb 28)	37
Total	309

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-48, 3-92, 4-125, 5-144, 6-157, 7-286, 8-287, 9-287

BOWLING: Brown 20-1-88-5; Wood 20-4-105-2; Killeen 12-3-58-0; Saggers 10.1-2-54-3.

Umpires: G I Burgess and N T Plews.

AXA Equity & Law League

Derbyshire v Gloucestershire

DERBY (Gloucestershire won toss): Derbyshire (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by eight wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

R I Dawson c Krikken b Dean	68
M G N Windows c Cork b DeFreitas	1
M W Alleyne lbw b Cork	0
M A Lynch b Dean	47
A Symonds c Krikken b Dean	0
†R C Russell lbw b Dean	5
M J Cawdron not out	32
M C J Ball c DeFreitas b Dean	1
R P Davis st Krikken b Barnett	0
*C A Walsh b Barnett	38
J Lewis not out	5
Extras (lb 3, w 6, nb 2)	11
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	208

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-5, 3-110, 4-110, 5-124, 6-133, 7-135, 8-137, 9-201.

BOWLING: Cork 8-1-23-1; DeFreitas 8-1-43-1; Aldred 2-0-18-0; Vandrau 2-0-21-0; Wells 8-0-34-0; Dean 8-1-32-5; Barnett 4-0-34-2.

DERBYSHIRE

*D M Jones not out	101
K J Barnett run out	33
G A Khan c Davis b Cawdron	27
C M Wells not out	39
Extras (lb 10, w 2)	12
Total (2 wkts, 36.5 overs)	212

D G Cork, T J G O'Gorman, P A J DeFreitas, †K M Krikken, M J Vandrau, P Aldred and K J Dean did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-126.

BOWLING: Walsh 5-1-10-0; Lewis 8-0-45-0; Alleyne 7.5-0-47-0; Ball 7-0-35-0; Davis 6-0-37-0; Cawdron 3-0-28-1.

Umpires: J H Harris and G Sharp.

Kent v Worcestershire

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Kent by ten wickets

KENT

M V Fleming b Ellis	9
M J Walker c Hick b Moody	2
T R Ward c Solanki b Ellis	6
*C L Hooper c Rhodes b Moody	6
N J Llong run out	18
G R Cowdrey c Hick b Lampitt	2
W J House c Rhodes b Lampitt	4
†S C Willis not out	31
M J McCague c Sheriyar b Hick	11
D W Headley b Hick	9
T N Wren run out	7
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 11, nb 10)	30
Total (36.3 overs)	135

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-15, 3-26, 4-36, 5-58, 6-62, 7-62, 8-97, 9-117.

BOWLING: Moody 8-0-19-2; Ellis 8-0-35-2; Illingworth 7.3-1-22-0; Lampitt 6-0-18-2; Sheriyar 3-0-19-0; Hick 4-0-13-2.

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T M Moody not out	53
W P C Weston not out	78
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 1, nb 4)	8
Total (no wkt, 17.1 overs)	139

G A Hick, R K Spiring, A Sheriyar, V S Solanki, D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth and S W K Ellis did not bat.

BOWLING: Wren 4-1-29-0; Headley 5-0-28-0; McCague 5-0-34-0; Fleming 2-0-25-0; Llong 1.1-0-20-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and J W Holder.

Leicestershire v Northamptonshire

LEICESTER (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Leicestershire by six wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE

*P V Simmons lbw b Capel	26
V J Wells c Capel b Ambrose	8
G I Macmillan c Taylor b Curran	17
A Habib run out	23
D L Maddy run out	1
V P Clarke run out	1
†P A Nixon c Ambrose b Emburey	19
C C Remy b Snape	4
A R K Pierson lbw b Snape	11
D Williamson lbw b Ambrose	5
M T Brimson not out	4
Extras (lb 7, w 7)	14
Total (34.1 overs)	133

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-60, 3-62, 4-73, 5-75, 6-97, 7-103, 8-117, 9-122.

BOWLING: Ambrose 5.1-1-13-2; Taylor 5-0-28-0; Capel 6-0-17-1; Curran 4-0-18-1; Emburey 8-0-32-1; Snape 6-1-18-2.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

R R Montgomerie c Pierson b Wells	4
M B Loye c Pierson b Remy	34
K M Curran not out	57
T C Walton lbw b Clarke	0
D J Capel lbw b Remy	9
A L Penberthy not out	19
Extras (lb 6, w 7)	13
Total (4 wkts, 28.1 overs)	136

C E L Ambrose, †D Ripley, J N Snape, *J E Emburey and J P Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-80, 3-85, 4-100.

BOWLING: Wells 5-0-28-1; Simmons 3-0-15-0; Brimson 5-0-20-0; Clarke 6-0-36-1; Remy 4-0-9-2; Pierson 2-0-15-0; Williamson 2-0-3-0; Macmillan 1-1-0-0; Habib 0.1-0-4-0.

Umpires: R Julian and J D Bond.

Middlesex v Essex

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Essex by five runs

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes c Andrew b Law	17
M R Ramprakash lbw b Such	14
J C Pooley lbw b Law	68
*J D Carr c Hussain b Law	43
K P Dutch c Rollins b Law	1
†K R Brown not out	37
P E Wellings b Grayson	1
J P Hewitt not out	16
Extras (b 1, lb 15, w 5, nb 2)	23
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	220

R L Johnson, R A Fay and A R C Fraser did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-41, 3-137, 4-139, 5-162, 6-165

BOWLING: Andrew 8-0-38-0; Ilott 8-2-34-0; Law 8-0-40-4; Such 8-1-33-1; Grayson 8-0-59-1.

ESSEX

D D J Robinson c Dutch b Weekes	31
A J E Hibbert c Brown b Fay	6
N Hussain b Dutch	77
S G Law c Hewitt b Weekes	8
*P J Prichard c Brown b Fay	19
†R J Rollins b Dutch	6
J J B Lewis c Carr b Johnson	17
A P Grayson c Fraser b Weekes	17
M C Ilott not out	5
S J W Andrew b Weekes	0
P M Such not out	4
Extras (lb 12, w 13, nb 2)	27
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-76, 3-92, 4-151, 5-169, 6-175, 7-197, 8-211, 9-211.

BOWLING: Hewitt 4-0-29-0; Fay 8-1-33-2; Fraser 8-0-55-0; Johnson 8-1-40-1; Weekes 7-0-29-4; Dutch 5-0-23-2.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer.

Notts v Glamorgan

TRENT BRIDGE (Glamorgan won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by nine wickets

GLAMORGAN

S P James c Tolley b Evans	2
A W Evans c Tolley b Cairns	14
*M P Maynard lbw b Bates	31
P A Cottey b Bates	25
A Dale c and b Bowen	22
G P Butcher b Bates	4
O D Gibson c Metcalfe b Evans	3
R D B Croft not out	25
†A D Shaw b Cairns	10
S L Watkin run out	1
S R Barwick not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 5, nb 2)	19
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	157

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-41, 3-63, 4-102, 5-110, 6-112, 7-121, 8-147, 9-150.

BOWLING: Evans 8-0-25-2; Bowen 8-0-38-1; Cairns 8-1-28-2; Tolley 4-0-14-0; Bates 8-1-30-3; Dowman 4-1-12-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

R T Robinson b Barwick	55
M P Dowman not out	74
A A Metcalfe not out	16
Extras (w 7, nb 6)	13
Total (1 wkt, 32.2 overs)	158

P R Pollard, *P Johnson, C L Cairns, C M Tolley, K P Evans, †W M Noon, R T Bates and M N Bowen did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-111

BOWLING: Watkin 6-0-28-0; Gibson 6-0-36-0; Dale 4-0-18-0; Butcher 2-0-12-0; Barwick 6-0-30-1; Croft 8-0-32-0; Maynard 0.2-0-2-0.

Somerset v Hampshire

TAUNTON (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Somerset by 44 runs

HAMPSHIRE

J S Laney lbw b Caddick	25
M Keech c Trump b Rose	6
R A Smith not out	122
P R Whitaker c Turner b Lee	18
W S Kendall c Turner b Caddick	28
*J P Stephenson lbw b Lee	18
K D James not out	4
Extras (lb 2, w 4, nb 2)	8
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	229

†A N Aymes, S D Udal, S M Milburn and J N B Bovill did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-32, 3-89, 4-190, 5-225

BOWLING: Caddick 8-0-48-2; Rose 8-1-34-1; Parsons 5-0-34-0; Trescothick 2-0-15-0; Lee 8-0-49-2; Trump 8-0-47-0

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell c Keech b Stephenson	49
M E Trescothick c Aymes b Milburn	5
S C Ecclestone b James	21
S Lee run out	14
R J Harden b Whitaker	16
*P D Bowler lbw b Stephenson	1
K A Parsons lbw b Whitaker	1
†R J Turner c Laney b Stephenson	1
G D Rose c Stephenson b Udal	16
A R Caddick c Smith b Udal	39
H R J Trump not out	8
Extras (lb 7, w 3, nb 4)	14
Total (36.5 overs)	185

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-62, 3-78, 4-108, 5-112, 6-115, 7-120, 8-122, 9-160

BOWLING: Stephenson 8-0-23-3, Milburn 8-0-39-1; James 8-0-53-1; Udal 5.5-0-33-2; Bovill 2-0-10-0; Whitaker 5-0-20-2.

Sussex v Yorkshire

EASTBOURNE (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Sussex by eight wickets

SUSSEX

R K Rao st Blakey b Bevan	64
K Greenfield lbw b Bevan	47
M P Speight c Stemp b Bevan	2
*A P Wells c Moxon b Hartley	41
D R C Law c Stemp b Bevan	13
V C Drakes lbw b Bevan	2
†P Moores b Hartley	2
C W J Athey b Hartley	3
I D K Salisbury run out	1
E S H Giddins c Blakey b Gough	2
R J Kirtley not out	1
Extras (b 3, lb 10, w 9, nb 6)	28
Total (39.3 overs)	206

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-108, 2-114, 3-141, 4-161, 5-173, 6-179, 7-194, 8-198, 9-198.

BOWLING: Gough 7-0-33-1; Silverwood 4-0-25-0; White 6-0-35-0; Hartley 7.3-1-30-3; Stemp 7-0-41-0; Bevan 8-1-29-5

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas c Salisbury b Greenfield	61
M D Moxon b Kirtley	3
M P Vaughan not out	71
A McGrath not out	49
Extras (lb 10, w 9, nb 4)	23
Total (2 wkts, 35.4 overs)	207

M G Bevan, C White, †R J Blakey, D Gough, P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-138.

BOWLING: Kirtley 8-0-20-1; Law 4.4-0-33-0; Drakes 6-0-33-0; Giddins 6-0-42-0; Salisbury 8-0-49-0; Greenfield 5-0-20-1.

Tour match

Surrey v South Africa A

THE OVAL (final day of four): South Africa A beat Surrey by 157 runs

SOUTH AFRICA A: First Innings 379 (D N Crookes 70, N Boje 58 not out, H H Gibbs 58, J Commins 55; M W Patterson 6 for 80)

Second Innings

S G Koenig c Brown b Lewis	18
G F J Liebenberg b Patterson	1
H H Gibbs st Knott b Shahid	178
H D Ackerman c Knott b Shahid	57
*J Commins lbw b Ratcliffe	24
D N Crookes c Brown b Shahid	29
N Boje not out	23
Extras (b 8, lb 1)	9
Total (6 wkts dec)	339

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-19, 3-132, 4-187, 5-290, 6-339.

BOWLING: Patterson 10-3-44-1; Lewis 9-0-42-1; Nowell 13-3-57-0; Shahid 29.1-2-93-3; Ratcliffe 10-0-37-1; Ward 2-0-28-0; Smith 3-0-29-0.

SURREY: First Innings 286 (A D Brown 69, J D Ratcliffe 69, C C Lewis 52)

Second Innings

J D Ratcliffe lbw b Klusener	22
I J Ward c Palframan b Gilder	4
A W Smith c Gibbs b Pringle	16
N Shahid c Liebenberg b Boje	84
*C C Lewis c Crookes b Gibbs	49
A D Brown lbw b Klusener	32
†J A Knott not out	49
G J Kennis b Boje	1
R W Nowell c Palframan b Boje	0
S G Kenlock c Liebenberg b Boje	5
M W Patterson lbw b Boje	2
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 1, nb 6)	11
Total	275

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-39, 3-53, 4-128, 5-194, 6-238, 7-253, 8-253, 9-267.

BOWLING: Pringle 29-7-89-1; Gilder 6-0-20-1; Klusener 18-2-90-2; Boje 18.5-4-58-5; Gibbs 2-0-14-1.

Under-19 international

England v New Zealand

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): England Under-19 drew with New Zealand Under-19

ENGLAND UNDER-19: First Innings

D J Roberts run out	22
E T Smith c Walker b McMillan	28
A J Swann c Walker b Vettori	19
D J Sales c and b Vettori	66
O A Shah c Parlane b Vettori	13
B C Hollioake c and b Morland	55
*G J Batty lbw b Morland	0
†D C Nash run out	12
D A Cosker c Parlane b Morland	2
C L Campbell not out	8
J Ormond b Sewell	29
Extras (b 4, lb 3, nb 2)	9
Total	263

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-72, 3-72, 4-92, 5-193, 6-193, 7-217, 8-224, 9-226.

BOWLING: Sewell 15.5-4-33-1; Yovich 4-0-25-0; Cunis 12-2-39-0; Vettori 30-11-75-3; McMillan 8-2-14-1; Morland 33-11-70-3.

Second Innings

D J Roberts c Bell b Sewell	13
E T Smith c Morland b Vettori	20
A J Swann lbw b McMillan	18
D J Sales c Oram b Sewell	77
O A Shah not out	60
B C Hollioake lbw b Morland	41
*G J Batty c and b McMillan	2
†D C Nash not out	2
Extras (b 14, lb 6, nb 6)	26
Total (6 wkts)	259

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-43, 3-99, 4-159, 5-237, 6-244

BOWLING: Sewell 9-2-39-2; Cunis 4-1-9-0; Morland 34-15-69-1; McMillan 22-8-54-2; Vettori 23-8-54-1; Parlane 1-0-14-0.

NEW ZEALAND UNDER-19: First Innings

M D Bell c Roberts b Batty	18
M D J Walker c Nash b Hollioake	21
N R Parlane run out	35
*C D McMillan lbw b Cosker	16
J D P Oram c Hollioake b Cosker	59
J A Yovich st Nash b Cosker	57
S J Cunis c Smith b Hollioake	4
†G J Hopkins c and b Cosker	0
D G Sewell not out	11
D L Vettori c Hollioake b Batty	7
N D Morland lbw b Batty	4
Extras (b 14, lb 9, nb 2)	25
Total	252

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-53, 3-82, 4-106, 5-210, 6-219, 7-222, 8-233, 9-242.

BOWLING: Campbell 7-0-27-0; Hollioake 13-4-25-2; Cosker 37-6-87-4; Ormond 8-4-18-0; Batty 30.5-12-72-3.

Second Innings

M D Bell b Cosker	21
M D J Walker c Hollioake b Cosker	22
N R Parlane c Smith b Campbell	61
*C D McMillan c Nash b Batty	54
J D P Oram c Nash b [illegible]	12
J A Yovich lbw b Cosker	[illegible]
S J Cunis not out	6
†G J Hopkins hit wicket b Batty	42
D L Vettori not out	20
Extras (b 12, lb 12, w 1)	25
Total (7 wkts)	269

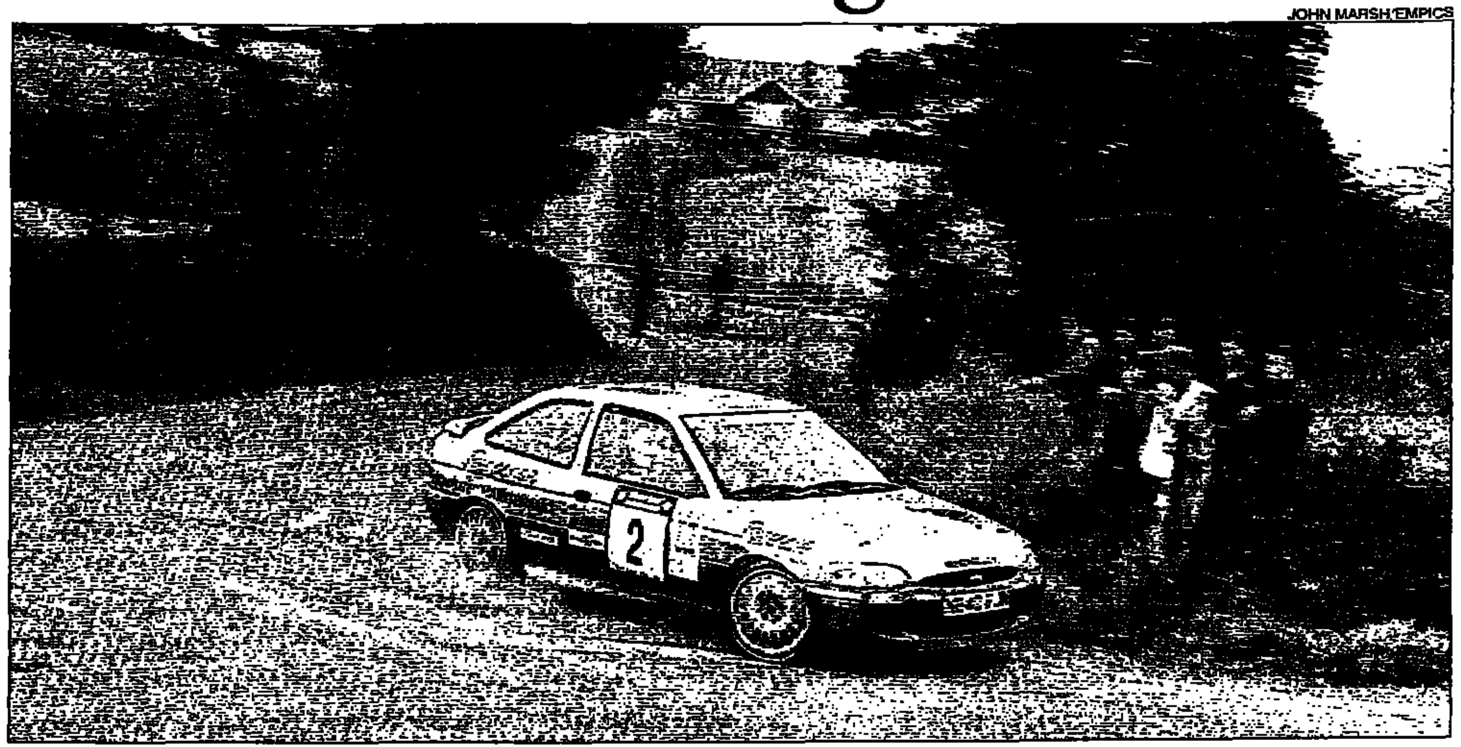
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-82, 3-132, 4-155, 5-180, 6-200, 7-252.

BOWLING: Campbell 8-1-37-1; Hollioake 13-2-46-1; Ormond 5-3-5-0; Batty 29-11-69-2; Cosker 35-12-82-3.

MOTOR RALLYING: WELSH DRIVER STEPS OUT OF SHADOWS TO CLINCH BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

Evans achieves driving ambition

BY OLIVER HOLT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Evans powers his Ford Escort RS2000 around a tight corner on his way to victory in the Ulster Rally that secured the British championship

THERE were two journalists and a public relations man talking to Gwyndaf Evans on Friday afternoon when the man from the BBC arrived for the Stena Line Ulster Rally here in Belfast. His surprise turned to amused impatience as Evans continued to hold forth. "We don't usually have to queue up for you, Gwyndaf," he said. "Is this an interview or are you reciting *War and Peace*?"

For most of the last decade, Evans, has been neatly slotted into the role of worthy bit-part player, a footnote, a ruddy-cheeked oddity, someone to be patronised gently because he once drove a school bus in the depths of mid-Wales. His consistent brilliance as a rally driver tended to be passed over as more upwardly-mobile drivers such as Colin McRae, Richard Burns and, last year, Alister McRae, edged him out.

As Colin McRae and Burns saw their international rally careers take off, Evans ploughed a different furrow, working as a test driver for Ford. While Colin McRae lives in a flat in Monte Carlo, Evans is paid £60 a day for his work. He can expect to earn about £40,000 a year.

On Saturday, though, his market value went up a notch. With one round of the Mobil 1/*Top Gear* British Rally championship to spare, Evans secured the title by easing his way to a crushing victory in his class in this two-day rally. The only threat came when he happened upon a dog wandering towards him in one of Friday's early stages and had to slow down.

Driving a Ford Escort RS2000, he finished third overall behind the Subaru Impreza of Bertie Fisher and the Renault Megane of Robbie Head, who were both driving more powerful cars ineligible for championship points. Evans led the championship battle in the rally from the first stage and never let it slip over 170 miles of special stages on twisting country lanes. The nearest challenger in his class was nearly four minutes behind him.

"I am absolutely delighted to have won the title, not just for me but for the whole team," Evans, 37, said. "We have been working on the current car for nearly three years and this is its finest hour. It is a fantastic car and I would like to thank Ford for supporting me all these years in my rallying career." Quite where his career goes from here, though, is unclear. He has made it known he would like to do more world championship rallies but competition for drives is fierce and there may not be any opportunities.

"Rallying has given me a comfortable life and I enjoy every minute of it," he said. "There has been talk of me doing the San Remo and Catalunya rallies but I know I am one of the fortunate few who can make a living out of the sport. I wish there were more. The only way for that to happen is for us to make the game better.

"It is a spectacle but we have to bring it closer to the general public and then it will attract more sponsors. The event organisers have got to look at doing more super special stages in town centres. That will bring Joe Public out of the countryside to watch it."

If they come, perhaps Gwyndaf Evans will get the attention he deserves at last. He has been an unsung hero for too long.

SAILING: CLASSIC CONDITIONS GREET COMPETITORS IN THE SOLENT FOR SECOND DAY OF COWES WEEK

Slade's maxi sets early benchmark in Queen's Cup

BY EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE world's biggest and longest-running regatta, Skandia Life Cowes Week, got underway with some classic sailing conditions on the Solent yesterday, after racing in all but four of the 29 classes was cancelled on Saturday.

This year 850 yachts have arrived, just below the figure for last year of 857 and still down on the 1991 record of 923. But the turnout in a year when there is no Fastnet Race to swell the numbers, is a vote of confidence in the event.

For the first time in a decade, a maxi class has its own start, and they were among the only boats to sail on Saturday in the Queen's Cup. The trophy, which was first presented by Queen Victoria in 1897, was won by Mike Slade's round-the-island record breaker, *Longobarda*.

The other yachts in the fleet are John Caulcutt's *Multipep*, and two Grand Mistral maxis, Ludde Ingvall's *Nicorette* and a Russian-owned boat called *Grand Mistral*. There were rumours that the Gary Mull-designed *Sorcery*, which attracted much attention at Ford Cork Week last month, might turn up to make the field up to five.

Among the rest, some of the hottest racing of the week can be expected in the sportsboat class which has its own dedicated start for the first time and in the Glenfiddich Melges 24s class, which has attracted 30 entries.

The top helm in the class in Europe, the Italian Giorgio Zuccoli on *Ale Ali Reiter*, is in the fleet. He will be taking on the best of the British including Mike Lennon, the national champion, on *Raw Hyde*, who won the Rover series in May.

The Melges, which has its British championships at Brixham in early September and its Europeans in Barcelona at the beginning of October, also got a start on Saturday, with first blood going to Chris Little's *Ancaster*. Yesterday, Lennon notched up his first win with Zuccoli finishing second. Among those expected to make an appearance in the Melges fleet late in the week is Ben Ainslie, Great Britain's Olympic silver medal-winner in Savannah, in the Laser class.

The other big battle of the week can be expected in Class 1, where the successful Bashford Howison 41s will slug it out again for overall honours. They dominated the Ford Cork week this year and have already stamped their mark on Cowes with Jocelyn Waller's *Silk 2* winning the first two races and Glynn Williams's *Wolf* close on her heels with a second and a third.

In the traditional day-boat classes, there will be much interest in the battle of the Solent Sunbeams where for the first time, a Falmouth-based boat, Jonathan Money's *Polly*, has been brought up by road to take on the Itchenor fleet.

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Sport counts the cost of accidents waiting to happen

As Newcastle United swan around the Far East on their summer tour, it must prey on the mind of Sir John Hall, the chairman, that his plans to deliver the championship to St James' Park could be sabotaged by a moment's madness on the football field. Every striker knows he is at the mercy of a dodgy tackle from a hard-bitten central defender — Alan Shearer, the £15 million man, better than most, having missed a large part of his first season at Blackburn Rovers through injury.

That is why Sir John has no doubt written a large cheque to the account of Windsor Insurance Brokers, who, 24 years ago, pioneered the concept of insuring footballers against career-ending injury and who still lead the market. Neither Newcastle nor Windsor would reveal how much the premium is on Shearer, but market experts guess it could be in the region of £200,000 a year, more than the salaries of many of Shearer's Newcastle United colleagues.

The issue of insurance is becoming increasingly important in sport. Football leads the way with 50 to 55 players having to leave the game every year because of injury, an attrition rate of around two per cent. The cost of insurance has spiralled with increases in salaries and transfer fees and it is becoming a problem not only for clubs but also for national associations. It has also cropped up in unlikely areas.

For instance, when Paul Merson wanted Paul Gascoigne to play in his testimonial match in May, the organisers found that the insurance cost for the injury-prone midfield player was prohibitive. Thankfully, Gazza volunteered to pay it himself and then, in an Arsenal shirt, put on the sort of display that would have had Tottenham Hotspur supporters crying into their beer.

When players join up with national squads, the club-versus-country issue becomes financial, with the national associations having to pay out massive premiums to cover the players they have on loan. These are calculated with great accuracy, based on the length of time a player is actually on the pitch. Even so, it is reckoned that the Euro 96 tournament would have generated in excess of £1 million for the insurance industry.

The policies are becoming increasingly sophisticated, to take account of the likelihood of injury. If a player has had problems with the ligaments in his right knee, this will often be excluded, so, if it goes again, the insurer does not pay out. The player will not be allowed to indulge in dangerous sports, such as motor racing, rock climbing or skiing, and most policies are declared void if the player takes recreational drugs or happens to contract some incurable disease as a result of activities that could find them on the pages of the tabloids.

The cost also increases as a player becomes older — and the pay-out falls as well. Thus the price of insuring the England goalkeeper, David Seaman, 32, is around twice the price of the insurance on Ryan Giggs, ten years his junior — yet, if Giggs's career was ended tomorrow, the insurer could end up paying about £10 million, while Seaman's insurance value is unlikely to be more then £5 million.

According to Jonathan Ticehurst at Windsor, nobody is uninsurable, even that wonder of medical science, Paul McGrath. The firm has policies on about ten Formula One drivers and is expanding into rugby. Apparently, rugby league players are, pound for pound, cheaper to insure than footballers as they are less likely to be seriously injured. As for rugby union, there are so few policies that they are difficult to price — an interesting issue for the insurance giant, Willis Corroon, which is making a move into this market.

As for insuring Alan Shearer, Sir John Hall can save a few bob by not insuring him for the full £22.5 million value of his contract — but with a flotation imminent, Newcastle United wouldn't want to spoil the ship for a hap'oth of tar.

JASON NISSÉ

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SPORTS LETTERS

Academy must widen field

From the President of the British Ice Hockey Association

Sir, The initiative to establish an academy of sport (report, July 25) is not before time. However, if it is to be successful in helping our athletes to succeed in elite competition, more thought than is now apparent must be applied to developing a strategic plan for British sport as a whole. Focusing on 20 sports in the absence of a broad strategy is extraordinarily short-sighted.

1. Most of the Olympic team sports have been ignored. If worldwide regard for Britain is to rise, we must be seen to be competitive in the team sports the rest of the world plays (ie, all the Olympic team sports).

2. Many other Olympic sports have also been ignored. A way must be found to develop athletes with the potential to perform well at the elite level irrespective of their sport.

3. The 20 sports exclude winter sports, albeit that 30 per cent of the population participate in or closely follow these sports. Britain has won many Olympic medals in these sports (eg, ice skating) and has world rankings considerably higher than in the 20 focus sports (eg, ice hockey and bobsleigh).

If team sports, winter sports and the needs of potential top performers in the so-called "obscure" sports are to be ignored or subordinated to the 20, an opportunity to put in place an effective strategy for British sport will have been lost. Let the people who understand sports (eg, the British Olympic Association) develop the strategy, not civil servants and not those who have failed British sport in the past, and ensure that adequate funding is applied to programmes. In ice hockey, our eight closest competitors average £1.3 million per annum in Government support (compared with our £30,000).

The academy is essential, but British sport will not succeed unless thinking goes beyond cricket and rugby and embraces all the world's elite sports, recognises the need for annual funding of athlete training and development, and is managed by those who really understand sport.

Yours faithfully,
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Berkshire.

From Mr C. J. Harrisson

Sir, In your report of County Week lawn tennis (July 23) you emphasise that more than 700 ordinary people take part. I did so from 1934 to 1956, excluding the war, and it was always the highlight of one's season. In those days one did not concentrate on a single sport, having played hockey and cricket for one's (minor) county.

The so-called academy of sport is misnamed. Do we not need more children to have the opportunity to take part in sport — maybe up to County Week level rather than seeking champions?

Can we not encourage all children who are interested to take part rather than hang about on street corners.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. HARRISSON,
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Holbeach Hurn,
Spalding, Lincolnshire.

Jumping the starter's gun

From Mr Jonathan Palmer

Sir, David Powell (July 29) was understandably heavily critical of Linford Christie's attitude in the face of his disqualification from the Olympic 100 metres. Yet it seems Christie has a point when he questions: "Who is to determine how quickly one reacts? They make a figure but who is to say?"

We are told that to leave the blocks less than 0.100sec after the gun is considered a jump start and Linford went just 0.086sec after the gun. So he did start after the gun, but less than two hundredths of a second too early, according, apparently, to some arbitrary criteria.

Despite this being the nub of the issue no further explanation is proffered. One assumes that those who make the rules know their business, but could the mechanism of the start process be elaborated upon? How was this minimum possible reaction time established? And from exactly when does it start: an electronic signal that triggers the bang or the peak of the sound waves themselves?

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN PALMER,
Netherwood,
Southwater, West Sussex.

From Mr Brian Sacks

Sir, David Powell, reporting on Linford Christie's exit from the Olympic 100 metres final, wrote that "it did not need the official reaction time figures to confirm what was obvious to the naked eye." All that was obvious to the naked eye was that Linford was the first to start and that this was significantly after the gun fired.

It seems to me that the starter holds the runners for a varying period, to avoid runners being able to guess or anticipate the gun. The variability is, say at least five seconds. If a runner were to attempt to anticipate the gun, simple mathematics indicates that there are two chances in 500 he will get it right and start within two hundredths of a second of the "official reaction time". 498 chances in 500 that he will get it wrong. With one false start to his name and knowing that another would bring disqualification, it is inconceivable that Christie would try to pull a fast one.

Christie has trained for years to perfect his start. It seems to me, on a mathematical basis, a virtual certainty that his fast start was a result of this training.

I trust that Powell will advocate from now on the disqualification of anyone who ever sets a world record because, clearly, anyone who achieves something never achieved before in all history must be cheating. That seems much fairer than disqualifying anyone who has trained himself to react quicker than 0.100sec.

Yours faithfully,
B. SACKS,
53 Rowsley Avenue, NW4.

Two-way traffic

From Mr Marcel Berenblut

Sir, It is ironic to hear and read the comments of supporters of Blackburn Rovers in the wake of the sale of Alan Shearer (report, July 30).

For some years now it has been Rovers, fuelled by the money provided by Jack Walker, who have been the predators, picking up the star players of Sheffield Wednesday (Warhurst), Norwich City (Sutton), and Southampton (a certain Alan Shearer), etc.

Complaints have been made that people bought their season tickets, or their new Blackburn shirts ("9 Shearer") on false pretences. I don't remember much comment from those supporters when Norwich fans felt the same way about Sutton.

I wonder if these same fans will be complaining about the system when the £15 million comes to be reinvested and other teams lose their star players to the club which has proved itself a cynical user of the transfer system.

Yours faithfully,
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Cricketing conflict

From Mr P. A. Cooper

Sir, It was interesting to read (July 29) of the predicament of David Sales, having scored a maiden first-class double century but being required to play for the England Under-19 side the week after.

Northamptonshire wished to call first on a player who learnt much of his cricket while at Surrey and no doubt on England junior training sessions. He is quite rightly being talked of as a candidate for an England A tour and has been in a position to benefit from England age-group tours.

How can England expect other countries to provide suitable opposition to their sides overseas, if the feeling is that players should be pulled out of fixtures played in England against these countries? This reflects a high degree of short-sightedness, self-interest and discourtesy to touring teams, in this case New Zealand.

The New Zealand side have already performed creditably in Australia and have proved worthy opponents in the one-day series. There are obvious benefits in playing both at home and abroad against opponents from different countries, in different conditions, who adopt different attitudes to the game.

Sales will have ample time to play county cricket and no doubt get weary of it. Leave him alone to appreciate a variety of experiences in the meantime and be proud to represent his country and see if he can produce the goods wearing an England sweater.

Yours faithfully,
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Nottinghamshire.

ROWING

Strathclyde prepares for rowing celebration

BY MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND will stage the biggest-ever world championships, which start tomorrow, at Strathclyde Park, Glasgow. Apart from a full junior championships of 14 events, usually an annual responsibility for just one country, Scotland will also be accommodating the three senior events and the seven lightweight events not included in the Olympic Games.

A total of 340 crews from 56 nations are in the line-up. Racing starts tomorrow and continues through to the junior and senior finals at the weekend.

Strathclyde Park has been inspected by Fisa, the international governing body, who were satisfied with the facilities available after a new bridge to the finish tower had been built. This has revolutionised the safety and circulation arrangements that were criticised in the past.

A previous lack of viewing facilities has also been remedied by the creation of a tented area of high quality, and a temporary grandstand that has been brought to Strathclyde Park direct from the 18th green of the Open Championship at Lytham.

Great Britain has 21 crews, 11 junior and ten senior, a total exceeded only by Germany and Italy. The junior line-up includes ten athletes with past world participation, three of these being in the men's coxless four, the lead boat.

JUNIOR TEAMS: Boys: Coxless four: D McLellan (Hampton), D Ouseley (St Paul's), J Keoch (Hampton), T Stallard (Oundle). Eight: M Smith (King's, Canterbury), A Scoon (King's College School), R Edwards (Kingston GS), A Flagger (Hampton), D Snow (St Paul's), E Russell (Abingdon), T Gayner (Radley), E Foster (Eton), C Pank (Abingdon). Coxed four: W Alexander (Bedford), C Tilley (Shrewsbury), P Singfield (Bedford), R Stokes (Shrewsbury), A Wood (Bedford Schools RA). Coxed pair: J Crocker (Eton), J von Maltzahn (Eton), D Kuupanwa (Hampton). Coxless pair: R Sanders (RGS Newcastle), M Dodds (King's, Chester). Quad scull: G Ireland (Windsor Boys), C Hugill (Durham), A Warner (Maidstone), M Hunter (Poplar). Double scull: J di Luzio (Mortlake), T Kingswell (Norwich). Girls: Coxless four: L Fitzgibbon (George Watson's), L Redknap (Kingston GS), I Walker (George Watson's), P Welch (Lady Eleanor Holles). Coxless pair: N Scott (Nithsdale), F McDougall (George Watson's). Quad scull: S Price (Pengwern), F Houghton (King's, Canterbury), L Heise (King's, Canterbury), N Ledger (Kingston). Double scull: S Edwards (Stourport), K Holton (Evesham).

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Chester

Going: good to firm

2.30 (7f 2yd) 1, **WIZARD KING** (W Woods, 8-13 fav); 2, **Chickawicka** (Declan O'Shea 13-2); 3, **Star Of Zilzal** (K Fallon, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 11 Sabot (4th). 4 ran. 5l, 1¼l, 1¼l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £1 70. DF: £3.20. CSF: £4 57.

3.00 (7f 2yd) 1, **STATE FAIR** (M Hills, 11-10 jt-fav); 2, **Hindsight** (K Fallon, 11-10 jt-fav); 3, **Danehill Princess** (F Lynch, 14-1). 3 ran. 7l, 3½l. B Hills. Tote: £1 70. DF: £1 10. CSF: £2.27. Altire withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound.

3.30 (7f 122yd) 1, **MY GALLERY** (D Wright, 100-30 fav); 2, **Wentbridge Lad** (S Sanders 7-1); 3, **Champagne Grandy** (P P Murphy, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Queens Consul, Sagebrush Roller (5th), 5 Cretan Gift (6th), 12 Ertlon (4th), 16 Le Sport, 20 Little Ibnr. 9 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l, 3l, nk, sh hd. A Bailey at Tarporley. Tote: £3 90; £1 50, £1 90, £2 40. DF: £11 60. Trio: £38 40. CSF: £24 59. Tricast: £226 42.

4.00 (2m 2f 147yd) 1, **SEA VICTOR** (B Doyle, 6-1); 2, **Danjing** (M Hills, 8-1); 3, **Embryonic** (G Carter, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Top Cees, 5 Pearl Venture, 11-2 Candle Smile (4th), 12 Remaadi Sun, Shadirwan (6th), 16 Upper Mount Clair (5th). 9 ran. Nk, hd, 5l, 1½l, 4l. J L Harris at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £6 90; £1 90, £2 00, £2.30. DF: £15.40. Trio: £68 90. CSF: £51 42. Tricast: £523 81.

4.30 (1m 4f 66yd) 1, **RASAYEL** (J F Egan 5-1); 2, **Campaspe** (K Fallon, 2-1 fav); 3, **Hill Farm Dancer** (Iona Wands, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Kristal Breeze (5th), 4 Sacred Mirror (4th). 5 ran. 5l, 3½l, 4l, 9l. P Evans at Welshpool. Tote: £6 30; £2 50, £1 40. DF: £5 70. CSF: £14.17.

5.00 (6f 18yd) 1, **I CAN'T REMEMBER** (D Wright, Evens fav); 2, **Foot Battalion** (F Lynch, 11-4); 3, **West Ees Girl** (D Griffiths 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Wait For Rosie (4th). 4 ran. 1¾l, sh hd, nk. P Evans at Welshpool. Tote: £2 00. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4 11.

Placepot: £126.30. **Quadpot:** £35.20.

Newcastle

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.10 (6f) 1, **Perfect Bliss** (Dale Gibson, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, **Going For Broke** (14-1); 3, **Nostalgic Air** (4-1). Rivonia 3-1 jt-fav. 7 ran. 1¾l, 1½l. P Evans. Tote: £3 00; £2.40, £4 00. DF: £18 70. CSF: £35 87.

2.40 (1m 4f 93yd) 1, **Exactly** (T Williams, 4-1); 2, **Ceilidh Star** (11-10 fav); 3, **Tessajoe** (2-1). 4 ran. ¾l, 2½l. J Eyre. Tote: £5 30. DF: £2 60. CSF: £8 76.

3.10 (7f) 1, **Multitone** (J Carroll, 9-1); 2, **Shoumatara** (8-11 fav); 3, **Double Flight** (4-1). 6 ran. 2½l, 1¾l. J Eustace. Tote: £16 20; £4 10, £1 10. DF: £8 50. CSF: £16 33.

3.40 (6f) 1, **Blue Bomber** (J Fortune, 9-4 fav); 2, **Pallium** (25-1); 3, **Ultra Beet** (9-2). 9 ran. Sh hd, sh hd. G Moore. Tote: £3 40; £1 80, £3.50, £1 40. DF: £28 00. Trio: £36 10. CSF: £47 98. Sold for 4,600gns.

4.10 (1m) 1, **Impulsive Air** (J Quinn, 14-1); 2, **Hawksley Hill** (6-4 fav); 3, **Persian Fayre** (20-1). 10 ran. Nk, nk. E Weymes. Tote: £22 70; £2 80, £1 70, £4 30. DF: £38 70. Trio: £143 00. CSF: £35.01. Tricast: £400.29.

4.40 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, **Hazard A Guess** (Alex Greaves, 4-1); 2, **Troubadour Song** (4-1); 3, **New Albion** (8-1). Bulsara 6-4 fav. 7 ran. Nk, 1½l. D Nicholls. Tote: £4 40; £1 70, £2 50. DF: £7 70. CSF: £18 54.

Placepot: £258.40. **Quadpot:** £11.90.

Lingfield Park

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.20 (6f) 1, **Hawait** (R Hills, 2-1 fav); 2, **Curzon Street** (5-1); 3, **Bewitching Lady** (33-1). 11 ran. Nk, 1½l. B Hills. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £2.40, £3.90. DF: £9.30. Trio: £80 50. CSF: £11.42.

2.50 (6f) 1, **Times Of Times** (M Tebbutt, 20-1); 2, **Sea Danzig** (16-1); 3, **Kind Of Light** (11-10 fav). 6 ran. Nk, ½l. M Ryan. Tote: £20 70; £5.10, £3 00. DF: £60 10. CSF: £195.88.

3.20 (7f) 1, **Jerry Cutrona** (G Bardwell, 11-2); 2, **Neuwest** (4-1 fav); 3, **Ashjar** (7-1). 8 ran. NR: Scharnhorst. 1¾l, nk. N Callaghan. Tote: £7.40; £2.40, £1 40, £1.80. DF: £16.20. Trio: £36 90. CSF: £24 74. Tricast: £127 14.

3.50 (1m 2f) 1, **Another Time** (D Biggs, 13-2); 2, **North Reef** (5-2 fav); 3, **Vola Via** (5-1). 7 ran. 1l, hd. S Woods. Tote: £9 50; £3 80, £1 70. DF: £13.50. CSF: £22.93. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.20 (1m 6f) 1, **Durham** (A Clark, 5-4); 2, **Faugeron** (Evens fav); 3, **Lost Realm** (50-1). 6 ran. 3½l, 10l. R Simpson. Tote: £2 70; £1 80, £1 10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.75. No bid.

4.50 (7f 140yd) 1, **Our Shadee** (C Scally, 8-1); 2, **Flag Fen** (12-1); 3, **Broughtons Turmoil** (7-2). Paddy's Rice 11-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Sir Oliver. Nk, 1l. K Ivory. Tote: £10 40; £2 40, £3 40, £1 70. DF: £61 70. Trio: £72 90. CSF: £91 80. Tricast: £376 66.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,077.37 carried forward to Ripon today).

Placepot: £3,057.40. **Quadpot:** £18.10.

☐ Darren Biggs was yesterday banned for two days (August 13 and 14) for careless riding on Another Time, but kept the Sunday Express Best For Sport Handicap race at Lingfield. Soviet Bride's jockey, Robert Havlin, had to snatch up in the final furlong.

SATURDAY'S DETAILS

Goodwood

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m) 1, **Hammerstein** (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 2, **Russian Music** (7-2); 3, **Kammtarra** (9-2). My Lewicia 3-1 fav. 9 ran. 1½l, ½l. M Stoute. Tote: £4 40; £1 70, £1 60, £1 40. DF: £7 70. Trio: £9 10. CSF: £20 61.

2.30 (7f) 1, **Double Park** (J Reid, 4-1, Thunderer's nap); 2, **Falls O'Moness** (11-2); 3, **Misty Cay** (7-1). Golden Fact 11-4 fav. 8 ran. 2l, 4l. M Johnston. Tote: £3 20; £1 30, £1 30, £1.80. DF: £7 80. CSF: £23 05. Tricast: £122 30.

3.10 (1m 2f) 1, **Last Second** (G Duffield, 7-4 fav); 2, **Papering** (6-1); 3, **Annaba** (16-1). 8 ran. 2l, ½l. M Prescott. Tote: £2 40; £1 50, £1 60, £3 00. DF: £6 40. CSF: £11 72.

3.45 (6f) 1, **Coastal Bluff** (J Fortune, 10-1 jt-fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, **Double Bounce** (10-1 jt-fav); 3, **Sir Joey** (20-1); 4, **Bolshoi** (14-1). 30 ran. 3l, 1½l. T Barron. Tote: £9 40; £3 50, £2 80, £5 00, £3 70. DF: £35 70. Trio: £215 50. CSF: £99 32. Tricast: £1,821 83.

4.15 (1m) 1, **At Liberty** (Dane O'Neill, 5-2); 2, **Lolo** (15-8 fav); 3, **Open Affair** (15-2). 5 ran. 1½l, ½l. R Hannon. Tote: £4 10; £2 00, £1 20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7 31.

4.45 (6f) 1, **The West** (T Quinn, 4-7 fav); 2, **Elegant Warning** (11-2); 3, **Marengo** (25-1). 7 ran. 1¼l, 3½l. P Cole. Tote: £1 60; £1 30, £2.00. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4 43.

5.20 (1m 4f) 1, **Casual Water** (G Browne, 6-1); 2, **Mr Browning** (15-2); 3, **Puce** (13-8 fav). 7 ran. NR: Ronown. Sh hd, 2½l. A Newcombe. Tote: £7.30; £3 00, £2 90. DF: £24.50. Trio: £19 40. CSF: £36 27. Tricast: £71 39. White Sea (7-1) withdrawn, not under orders — deduction 10p in pound.

Jackpot: £1,122.60.

Placepot: £13.00. **Quadpot:** £5.80.

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

2.05 (7f) 1, **Bahhare** (R Hills, 1-3 fav); 2, **Rich In Love** (16-1); 3, **Quest Express** (11-2). 4 ran. 6l, 1½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £1.20. DF: £3 40. CSF: £4 65.

2.35 (7f) 1, **Ortolan** (R Hughes, 5-4 fav); 2, **Uncle George** (9-2); 3, **Ivory's Grab Hire** (10-1). 9 ran. 2l, 7l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.00; £1 20, £1 30, £2 70. DF: £3.80. Trio: £12 90. CSF: £8.96.

3.05 (6f) 1, **Musical Pursuit** (P Robinson, 11-4 fav); 2, **Bachelors Pad** (20-1); 3, **Oliwo** (3-1). 11 ran. 4l, nk. M Tompkins. Tote: £3 50; £1 60, £4 10, £1 40. DF: £26 90. Trio: £22 00. CSF: £47 50.

3.35 (1m) 1, **Sky Dome** (P Robinson, 9-2); 2, **Divine Quest** (11-3); 3, **Quality** (14-1). Sylvan Princess 2-1 fav. 8 ran. 1½l, 1½l. M Tompkins. Tote: £5 50; £1 70, £1 60, £3.30. DF: £18 30. CSF: £28.82. Tricast: £303 62.

4.10 (6f) 1, **Miss Stamper** (D Harrison, 5-2 fav); 2, **Demolition Man** (11-4); 3, **Ultra Boy** (8-1). 8 ran. NR: Halowing. 2½l, ¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £3 00; £1 30, £1 40, £2 50. DF: £4.20. Trio: £23 10. CSF: £10.25. Tricast: £45 65.

4.40 (1m 2f) 1, **Bardon Hill Boy** (J Stack, 12-1); 2, **Willie Conquer** (16-1); 3, **Clifton Fox** (6-1). Oops Pettie 5-2 fav. 12 ran. Nk, 3l. B Hanbury. Tote: £14 10; £3 50, £4 60, £2 10. DF: £105 70. Trio: £232 20. CSF: £180 92. Tricast: £1,163 30.

5.15 (1m 4f) 1, **Snow Falcon** (M Fenton, 10-1); 2, **Blenheim Terrace** (9-2 jt-fav); 3, **Breydon** (14-1); 4, **Dashing Invader** (33-1). Rosebery Avenue 9-2 jt-fav. 16 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. M Bell. Tote: £11 30; £1 90, £1 70, £3 40, £8 90. DF: £23 50. Trio: £87 50. CSF: £56 84. Tricast: £599 66. 2min 31 60sec. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £59.80. **Quadpot:** £47.50.

Thirsk

2.20 1, **Janib** (11-4); 2, **Frustano** (11-8 fav); 3, **Jedi Knight** (8-1). 9 ran.

2.50 1, **Tumbleweed Pearl** (5-6 fav); 2, **Just Visiting** (10-1); 3, **Skyers Flyer** (33-1). 6 ran.

3.20 1, **Tropical Beach** (4-1 jt-fav); 2, **Kaiser** (7-1); 3, **Dominelle** (11-2). My Godson 4-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. NR: Brices.

3.55 1, **Far Ahead** (7-2); 2, **Villeggiatura** (5-2); 3, **Champagne N Dreams** (20-1). Russian Request 2-1 fav. 6 ran.

4.25 1, **Mountgate** (6-1); 2, **Up In Flames** (6-1); 3, **Somerton Boy** (11-4). Pine Ridge Lad 11-8 fav. 7 ran.

4.55 1, **With Care** (10-1); 2, **Chalk Dust** (8-13 fav); 3, **Portuguese Lil** (8-1). 8 ran.

5.30 1, **Mill End Lady** (6-1); 2, **Nowlands Corner** (9-2); 3, **Swifty Nifty** (14-1). Baileys First 11-4 fav. 13 ran.

Hamilton Park

5.50 1, **Roseate Lodge** (15-2); 2, **Bolla Coola** (12-1); 3, **Six For Luck** (25-1). Sunday Mail Too 7-2 fav. 10 ran.

6.20 1, **Nant Y Gamer** (25-1); 2, **Kaiser Kache** (4-1); 3, **William Wallace** (3-1). Canadian Fantasy 1-2 fav. 4 ran.

6.50 1, **Call Me** (Evens fav); 2, **Nose No Bounds** (9-2); 3, **Gulf Of Siam** (5-2). 4 ran.

7.20 1, **North Ardar** (4-6 fav); 2, **Tibbi Blues** (11-8); 3, **School Of Science** (20-1). 4 ran.

7.50 1, **Natural Key** (5-4 fav); 2, **Pathaze** (5-1); 3, **Naissant** (20-1). 4 ran.

8.20 1, **Jeffrey Anotherred** (2-1); 2, **Belladoole Bajan** (11-8 fav); 3, **Keen To Please** (100-30). 6 ran. NR: Antares.

8.50 1, **Askern** (7-4 fav); 2, **Tissue Of Lies** (6-1); 3, **Lord Advocate** (5-1). 8 ran.

Windsor

6.00 1, **Queen Of Shannon** (25-1); 2, **Ooz-lem** (14-1); 3, **Little Kenny** (7-1); 4, **Balpare** (14-1). Acquittal 9-2 fav. 18 ran.

6.30 1, **Flame Valley** (7-4); 2, **Turning Wheel** (5-4 fav); 3, **Upper Gallery** (10-1). 14 ran. NR: Mourne Mountains.

7.00 1, **Mumkin** (12-1); 2, **Marsad** (5-2 fav); 3, **Shuwaikh** (8-1). 21 ran. Mara River (5-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 15p in pound. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

7.30 1, **Wild Rita** (8-1); 2, **Te Amo** (4-1); 3, **Tart** (7-2). Monument 2-1 fav. 9 ran. NR: Mountain Dream.

8.00 1, **Gone Savage** (9-4 fav); 2, **La Belle Dominique** (33-1); 3, **Scored Again** (14-1). 10 ran. Malibu Man (11-2) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 15p in pound.

8.30 1, **Civil Liberty** (11-10 fav); 2, **Grand Musica** (20-1); 3, **Dark Truffle** (6-1). 17 ran. Press On Nicky (12-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 5p in pound.

Newton Abbot

2.25 1, **Always Happy** (1-3 fav); 2, **Bullpen Belle** (5-1); 3, **Bon Bowden** (11-2). 5 ran.

2.55 1, **Indrapura** (5-1); 2, **Trade Wind** (9-2); 3, **Double Pendant** (7-4 fav). 7 ran.

3.30 1, **Stapleford Lady** (4-1); 2, **Nordic Valley** (9-4); 3, **Duke Of Dreams** (11-1). Heresthedeal 4-5 fav. 5 ran.

4.05 1, **Dream Here** (11-4 fav); 2, **Idiom** (3-1); 3, **Cashflow Crisis** (7-2). 6 ran.

4.40 1, **Sohail** (14-1); 2, **Henley Regatta** (11-2); 3, **Muskora** (7-4 fav). 6 ran.

5.10 1, **Country Star** (4-5 fav); 2, **Roca Murada** (3-1); 3, **Re Roi** (20-1). 6 ran.

Market Rasen

6.10 1, **Irie Mon** (3-1); 2, **Silver Sleeve** (10-11 fav); 3, **Poplin** (6-1). 8 ran.

6.40 1, **Joli's Great** (14-1); 2, **Lofty Deed** (12-1); 3, **George Ashford** (7-2). Yacht Club 3-1 fav. 11 ran.

7.10 1, **Hizal** (5-2); 2, **Sassiver** (4-7 fav); 3, **Ghedi** (7-1). 4 ran.

7.40 1, **Kemo** (5-4 fav); 2, **Home Cookin'** (4-1); 3, **Kilmessan-Town** (5-1). 8 ran.

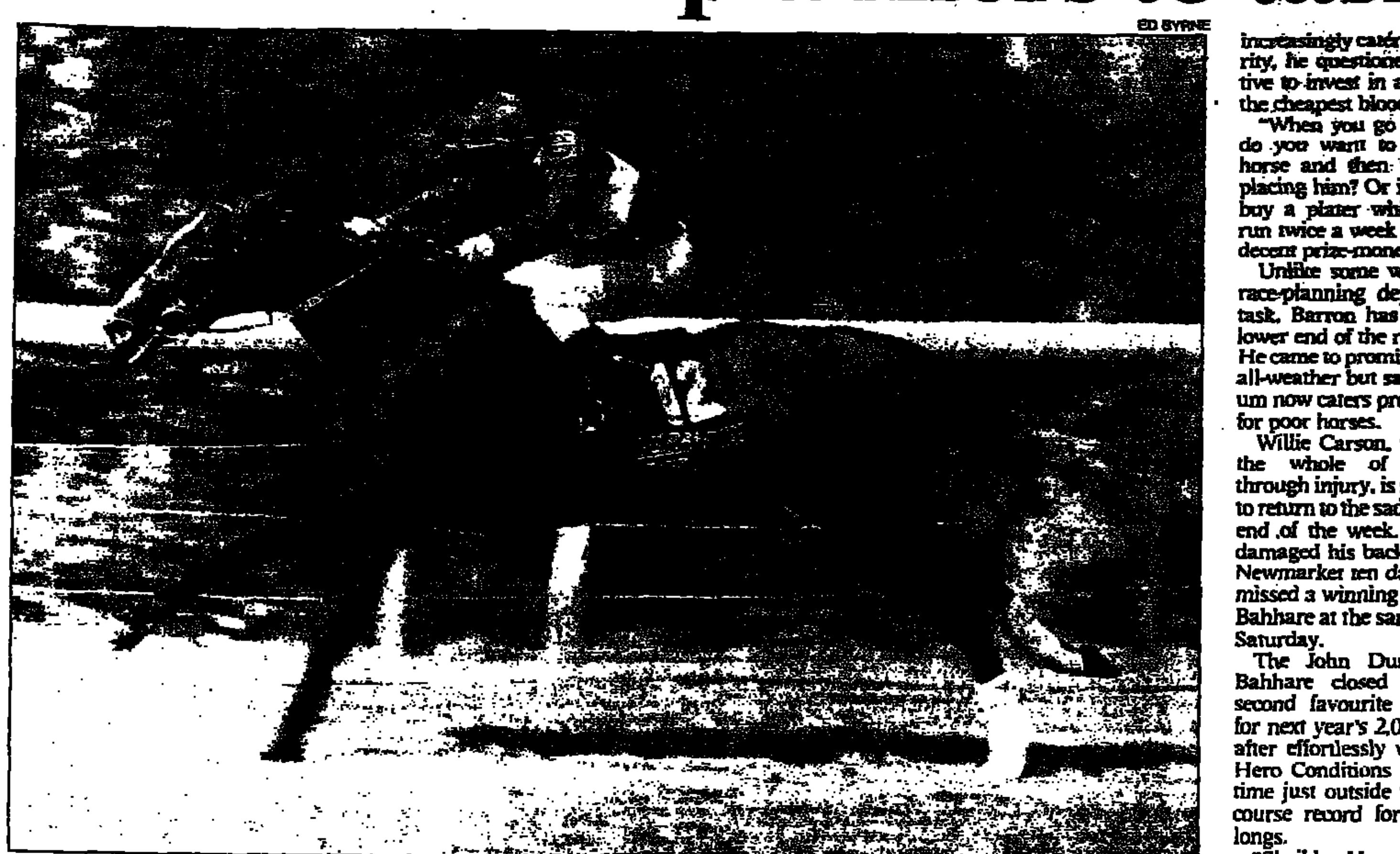
8.10 1, **Drumstick** (10-1); 2, **Yaakum** (5-1); 3, **Maggots Green** (9-4). Rhossili Bay 11-10 fav. 6 ran.

8.40 1, **Field Of Vision** (4-1); 2, **Silverdale Lad** (16-1); 3, **Forgotten Empress** (4-1). Sea God 9-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Fenwick's Brother.

RACING: COASTAL BLUFF'S TRAINER SHUNS GROUP RACES FOR MORE VALUABLE HANDICAP

Barron takes race planners to task

By Julian Muscat



ED BYRNE

Coastal Bluff, a 10-1 chance, leaves his rivals trailing in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood on Saturday

WHEN a humble 1,500 guineas purchase earns £50,687 by running away with the Vodac Stewards' Cup, as Coastal Bluff did on Saturday, the natural progression would be to test the horse in Pattern company. But David Barron, who trains Coastal Bluff, cited a flaw in the programme yesterday for his preference to keep the improving four-year-old to handicap company.

Barron's philosophy is based entirely on prize-money. He maintained there was no sense in tackling group three races when the Ayr Gold Cup is worth three times as much. And he joined the growing chorus of trainers, both big and small, in challenging the British Horseracing Board's policy on race planning.

"There is nothing for Coastal Bluff to gain from running in group races," Barron, who is based near Thirsk, said. "It is my duty to win as many races and as much prize-money as I can. At the end of the day, honour is a smashing thing but you can't eat it."

At Goodwood, Coastal Bluff made a mockery of what is traditionally one of the most keenly contested sprint handicaps in the calendar. He took command more than two furlongs from the finish and was clear in a matter of strides, eventually crossing the line three lengths ahead of Double Bounce. He looked every inch a sprinter of group calibre, but only an outrageous assessment by Matthew Tester, the official handicapper, will prevent the grey from contesting the Ayr Gold Cup on September 21.

"Whatever happens, we can't really complain after the way he has won," Barron said. The trainer added: "He is bound to climb towards the top of the handicap but the Ayr race is still a reasonable proposition. If we are eventually forced to go group racing, all well and good. Until then, we will avoid them." And Barron freely admits that, in his opinion, the leading British sprinters are a sub-standard crop.

Barron's belief that talented horses below the top flight receive minimal reward is widely shared by his contemporaries. Barely a day passes without one of the sport's professionals penning criticisms of these inadequacies to the trade press. But Barron went further. In highlighting the dilemma facing trainers at a time when the programme increasingly caters for mediocrity, he questioned the incentive to invest in anything but the cheapest bloodstock.

"When you go to the sales, do you want to buy a nice horse and then find trouble placing him? Or is it easier to buy a plater which you can run twice a week and pick up decent prize-money?"

Unlike some who take the race-planning department to task, Barron has worked the lower end of the racing game. He came to prominence on the all-weather but said the medium now caters predominantly for poor horses.

Willie Carson, who missed the whole of Goodwood through injury, is not expected to return to the saddle until the end of the week. The jockey damaged his back in a fall at Newmarket ten days ago and missed a winning ride aboard Bahhare at the same venue on Saturday.

The John Dunlop-trained Bahhare closed in to 12-1 second favourite with Coral for next year's 2,000 Guineas after effortlessly winning the Hero Conditions Stakes in a time just outside the juvenile course record for seven furlongs.

"Sheikh Hamdan thinks Bahhare is still a bit weak, so he will have a short break," Angus Gold, the sheikh's racing manager, said. "He won't run for at least another month and will probably round off his year in the Dewhurst Stakes or the Racing Post Trophy."

A Woodman half-brother to champion miler Bahri, Bahhare is now unbeaten in two starts.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SEA-DEER
(4.00 Ripon)

Next best: Give Me A Ring
(3.30 Ripon)

Richard Evans was in top form on Saturday. He napped the Stewards' Cup winner Coastal Bluff (10-1) and coupled it with Last Second (7-4) for a near 30-1 double. His other winners included Double Pals (4-1), who was napped by Thunderer, while Julian Muscat gave Sky Dome (9-2) and Musical Pursuit (11-4) in his Newmarket TV guide

RIPON

THUNDERER

2.30 Faringdon Future
3.00 Pallium
3.30 Give Me A Ring
4.00 Ziggy's Dancer
4.30 FLOATING LINE (nap)
5.00 Radiant Star

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Serenity. 3.30 Kamari. 5.00 RADIANT STAR (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR FORM

198 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .. B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND ROUNDABOUT MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,713: 6f) (11 runners)

101 (1) 5 DENTON LAD 16 (Mrs M Irwin) J Watts 9-0 N Connorton 80
102 (2) 02 FARINGDON FUTURE 16 (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 9-0 M Hills [illegible]
103 (7) 0 GOOD DAY 31 (G Reed) C Thornton 9-0 D McKeown –
104 (8) INTIKHAB (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-0 R Hills –
105 (5) NORMANTON (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 9-0 A Culhane –
106 (4) OHIO ROYALE (B McClean & Middleham Park Racing) P Haslam 9-0 L Charnock –
107 (6) 5 OUT OF SIGHT 73 (D Allen) B McMahon 9-0 G Carter 80
108 (10) 0 SIOUXROUGE 69 (L Buckley & Middleham Park Racing V) P Haslam 9-0 J Fortune –
109 (9) 0 WILLIAM'S WELL 11 (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 9-0 G Parkin (5) –
110 (3) 050 FLO'S CHOICE 37 (Burntwood Sports) J A Harris 8-9 J O'Reilly 66
111 (11) 5 SERENITY 16 (Dr C Wills) J Fanshawe 8-9 K Fallon 87

BETTING: 9-4 Serenity, 3-1 Faringdon Future, 5-1 Intikhab, 6-1 Denton Lad, 8-1 Out Of Sight, Ohio Royale, 10-1 Flo's Choice, 12-1 others.

1995: PRIVILEGED 9-0 K Fallon (11-4 jt-fav) Mrs J Ramsden 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DENTON LAD 5¾l 5th of 7 to Tear White in maiden here (5f, good to firm). FARINGDON FUTURE 1¾l 2nd of 6 to Sugarfoot in Ayr maiden auction (6f, good to firm). INTIKHAB (Foaled May 8) second foal, dam daughter of sister to high-class miler Polish Precedent. OUT OF SIGHT 8l 5th of 11 to Joint Venture in Haydock maiden auction (5f, good to soft). WILLIAM'S WELL 17l 7th of 8 to Our Home Land in Catterick maiden (6f, good to firm). SERENITY 5¾l 5th of 8 to Man Howa in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm).
Selection: SERENITY

3.00 SEE-SAW SELLING HANDICAP (£2,719: 5f) (16 runners)

201 (1) 06300-0 SUPER SONATA 21 (B,D,G) (J Abbey) T Wall 4-9-10 – –
202 (5) 244405 MEMBERS WELCOME 18 (V) (Avon & West Racing Club) J Bradley 3-9-7 S Drowne 95
203 (4) 004032 PALLIUM 1 (CD,F,G) (D Tuckwell) Mrs A Naughton 8-9-5 A Culhane 96
204 (6) 003560 IMP EXPRESS 12 (V,D,F,G) (G Stevenson) G Moore 3-9-1 J Fortune 93
205 (9) 100000 NITEOWL RAIDER 42 (G) (Burntwood Sports) J A Harris 3-9-0 J O'Reilly 90
206 (8) 400-560 KABCAST 15 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M M Marshall) D Chapman 11-8-13 K Darley 89
207 (13) 050366 GONDO 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H O'Brien) E Alston 9-8-11 K Fallon 96
208 (15) 042000 GOOD TO TALK 2 (V) (Mrs K Hall) T Easterby 3-8-11 M Birch [illegible]
209 (16) 000036 YOUNG BEN 7 (V) (D Dunbar) J Wainwright 4-8-9 J Bramhill (7) 92
210 (7) 004 TIME TICKS ON 11 (B) (M Ellerby) M Ellerby 3-8-9 J Edmonds (7) 85
211 (10) 065244 ROTHERFIELD PARK 20 (D,G) (D Thompson) C Smith 4-8-9 W Woods 94
212 (12) 006000 FIRST OPTION 4 (D,F,G,S) (Omega Racing Club) R Bastiman 6-8-8 D McKeown 95
213 (14) 0-05340 ORANGE AND BLUE 9 (D,F) (Orange and Blue P'trs) Miss J Craze 3-8-6 N Connorton 96
214 (2) 5-05050 HO MEI SURPRISE 100 (B Preece) B Preece 4-8-6 V Slattery 90
215 (3) 000-000 WAVERLEY STAR 15 (B,D,F,G,S) (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 11-7-12 L Charnock 86
216 (11) 000050 RANKAIDADE 9 (D,S) (D E Incisa) D E Incisa 5-7-10 Kim Tinkler 87

BETTING: 4-1 Pallium, 5-1 Gondo, 6-1 Rotherfield Park, 7-1 Good To Talk, 8-1 Orange And Blue, Members Welcome, 10-1 Imp Express, 12-1 others.

1995: PALLIUM 7-10-0 J Weaver (7-2 fav) Mrs A Naughton 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

PALLIUM, short head 2nd to Blue Bomber at Newcastle yesterday, previously 2¾l 3rd of 11 to Sunday Mail Too in handicap at Ayr (5f, good to firm) with RANKAIDADE (1lb better off) 1¾l 5th, GONDO 1½l 6th, WAVERLEY STAR (2lb better off) 3½l 8th and KABCAST (1lb worse off) 4½l 11th. GOOD TO TALK 12l 10th of 13 to Mill End Lady in maiden handicap at Thirsk (6f, firm). YOUNG BEN 11½l 6th of 9 to Sabaah Elfull in maiden at Newcastle (5f, good to firm). TIME TICKS ON 17½l 4th of 5 to Bollin Joanne in maiden auction at Catterick (6f, good to firm). ROTHERFIELD PARK 1l 4th of 20 to Ned's Bonanza in handicap at Beverley (5f, good to firm) with IMP EXPRESS (2lb better off) 1¼l 6th, PALLIUM (2lb better off) 1l 9th and FIRST OPTION (2lb better off) 3½l 18th. ORANGE AND BLUE 2½l 4th of 12 to Sunset Harbour in selling handicap at Redcar (5f, firm) penultimate start, with MEMBERS WELCOME (1lb better off) head 5th and GOOD TO TALK 3l 8th.
Selection: GOOD TO TALK (nap)

3.30 TOMMY SHEDDEN CHALLENGE TROPHY
(Handicap: 3-Y-O: £5,680: 1m 1f) (8 runners)

301 (3) 2-14 HERODIAN 91 (V,G) (Hesmonds Stud) J Gosden 9-7 G Hind 90
302 (6) 5-2215 KAMARI 24 (BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-3 R Hills 92
303 (2) 015502 SUALTACH 7 (F,G,S) (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 9-2 K Darley [illegible]
304 (8) 5-64211 GIVE ME A RING 24 (F,G) (G Reed) C Thornton 8-10 D McKeown 94
305 (4) 242652 NOSE NO BOUNDS 2 (B,G) (Ridings Racing) M Johnston 8-9 P Robinson 98
306 (1) 20-44 RAED 61 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-7 M Hills 90
307 (5) 544033 DISPOL GEM 18 (W Imison) G Oldroyd 8-5 K Fallon 95
308 (7) 66-5112 HALEBID 10 (D,BF,G) (S Woods) S Woods 8-4 W Woods 98

BETTING: 7-2 Give Me A Ring, 4-1 Herodian, 9-2 Kamari, 5-1 Halebid, 6-1 Sualtach, 8-1 Raed, 10-1 others

1995: ROCKFORCE 9-7 R Hughes (5-2) M Channon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

HERODIAN beat Alpine Hideaway 3l in 10-runner Haydock maiden (7f, good) penultimate start. SUALTACH neck 2nd of 5 to Equerry in Newcastle handicap (7f, good to firm). GIVE ME A RING, completed double, beat Queens Consul head in 9-runner handicap at York (1m, good) with KAMARI (4lb better off) 3l 5th. NOSE NO BOUNDS 2l 2nd of 4 to Call Me in Hamilton handicap (1m 1f, good to firm). DISPOL GEM 4l 3rd of 7 to Disallowed in maiden auction here (1m 1f, good to firm). HALEBID neck 2nd of 13 to Deadline in Wolverhampton handicap (AW, 1m 1f 79yd) with NOSE NO BOUNDS (14lb worse off) 6¾l 5th.
Selection: HALEBID

4.00 ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP
(Handicap: £8,623: 6f) (17 runners)

401 (14) 350-440 STYLISH WAYS 45 (D,G,S) (I Hall Racing) Miss S Hall 4-9-7 N Connorton 89
402 (11) 30-0000 SAINT EXPRESS 9 (C,D,F,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-4 A Culhane 91
403 (5) 600-300 PERRYSTON VIEW 24 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 4-9-1 J Carroll 93
404 (8) 112631 SEA-DEER 10 (D,F,G,S) (Binding Matters) C Dwyer 7-9-1 J Fortune [illegible]
405 (1) 300520 TADEO 16 (F,G) (J Good) M Johnston 3-9-1 P Robinson 94
406 (2) 052404 ZIGGY'S DANCER 9 (D,F,G) (J P Barry) E Alston 5-9-1 K Fallon 91
407 (7) 54001R SAILORMAITE 65 (D,G,S) (S Bowring) S Bowring 5-9-0 D McKeown 89
408 (3) 562064 LADY SHERIFF 24 (F,G) (E Mangan) R Hollinshead 5-8-0 F Lynch (3) 93
409 (4) 420426 BOWDEN ROSE 16 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs C Ward) M Blanshard 4-8-13 R Cochrane 93
410 (13) 351106 SO INTREPID 10 (D,F,G,S) (E Hayward) J Bradley 6-8-11 S Drowne 95
411 (17) 030212 TILER 3 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Robinson) M Johnston 4-8-10 R Hills 97
412 (6) 004004 ROCK SYMPHONY 3 (CD,F,G) (Mrs C Feather) W Haggas 6-8-9 M Hills 90
413 (12) 120023 SPLICING 25 (D,BF,G) (T Hirschfeld) W Haggas 3-8-9 Elizabeth Turner (7) 90
414 (9) 200160 WHITTLE ROCK 15 (CD,F,G) (Bay Horse Racing) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-8 K Darley 89
415 (16) 510344 I'M YOUR LADY 7 (D,F) (M T Stokes) B McMahon 5-8-7 G Carter 82
416 (15) 20-0404 BLESSINGINDISGUISE 30 (BF,G) (A Black) M W Easterby 3-8-6 G Parkin (5) 87
417 (10) 242231 BOLLIN JOANNE 11 (D,F) (Lady Westbrook) T Easterby 3-8-5 M Birch 90

BETTING: 5-1 Bollin Joanne, 6-1 Tiler, 7-1 Perryston View, 8-1 Sea-Deer, Tadeo, 10-1 Ziggy's Dancer, Whittle Rock, 12-1 Sailormaite, 14-1 others

1995: ROCK SYMPHONY 5-9-2 R Cochrane (5-2 fav) W Haggas 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SEA-DEER beat Galine a neck in 6-runner conditions race at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). Previously ¾l 3rd of 14 to Tedburrow in Newmarket handicap (5f, good to firm) with BOWDEN ROSE (4lb better off) 1½l 6th, SAINT EXPRESS (10lb better off) 4l 9th, ZIGGY'S DANCER (4lb better off) 3l 10th and TADEO (4lb better off) 1l 12th. ZIGGY'S DANCER 1¾l 4th of 15 to Laurel Delight in Newcastle handicap (5f, good to firm) with SAINT EXPRESS (3lb better off) 5¾l 11th. SAILORMAITE beat Sing With The Band 2½l in 11-runner Haydock handicap (5f, good to soft) with ZIGGY'S DANCER (5lb better off) 8½l 11th. LADY SHERIFF 1½l 4th of 22 to Coastal Bluff in York handicap (5f, good) with SEA-DEER (2lb worse off) ½l 6th, PERRYSTON VIEW (4lb better off) 5½l 17th and SAINT EXPRESS (11lb better off) 1l 19th. TILER 2½l 2nd of 10 to Hawa Al Nasamaat in apprentices' stakes at Goodwood (6f, good to firm) with ROCK SYMPHONY (2lb worse off) around 1l 5th (promoted to 4th). Earlier 1¼l 2nd of 12 to Tiawah in Ayr handicap (6f, good to firm) with WHITTLE ROCK (3lb better off) 10¾l 11th.
Selection: TILER

4.30 BBC RADIO YORK HANDICAP (£3,015: 1m 4f 60yd) (15 runners)

501 (3) 0-04403 FLOATING LINE 16 (CD,F,G,S) (G Lowe) E Alston 8-10-0 K Fallon 98
502 (6) 634300- CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY 140J (D,F,G,S) (Cumbrian) T Easterby 6-9-6 M Birch 94
503 (1) 225303 OUTSTAYED WELCOME 11 (CD,F) (Mrs B Bell) M Haynes 4-9-5 M Baird (5) [illegible]
504 (5) 06510-0 EDEN DANCER 82J (F,G) (A Graham) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-3 K Darley 90
505 (4) 414854 HASTA LA VISTA 32 (B,CD,F,G) (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 6-9-1 G Parkin (5) 96
506 (7) 42-3024 HAWKISH 19 (BF,F,S) (Mrs M Morley) D Morley 7-8-13 R Cochrane 98
507 (15) 106-400 CHANTRY BEATH 11 (D,G,S) (Racegoats Club) C Thornton 5-8-11 D McKeown 91
508 (12) 00005 CLASH OF SWORDS 28 (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 3-8-6 G Hind 90
509 (13) 652142 HERE COMES HERBIE 30 (D,F) (H Hutchinson) W Storey 4-8-1 Iona Wands (7) 96
510 (8) 05/00-4 DRAMA KING 14 (B) (Mrs Z Grant) S Bowring 4-8-0 J Quinn 90
511 (11) 100-600 COURSE FISHING 16 (F) (G Bull) B McMahon 5-8-0 G Carter 98
512 (10) 304-000 LINDISFARNE LADY 19 (F) (K Matthews Racing) Mrs M Reveley 4-7-11 Dale Gibson 91
513 (2) 000622 KINDRED GREETING 16 (White House Racing Club) J A Harris 4-7-10 J O'Reilly 97
514 (14) 000000 KISMETIM 37 (D,G) (D Chapman) D Chapman 6-7-10 L Charnock –
515 (9) 00-0000 MONTE CAVO 28 (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-7-10 J Lowe 93

Long handicap: Kindred Greeting 7-9, Kismetim 7-4, Monte Cavo 7-3

BETTING: 7-2 Floating Line, 5-1 Hawkish, 6-1 Hasta La Vista, 7-1 Cumbrian Rhapsody, 8-1 Here Comes Herbie, 10-1 Eden Dancer, 12-1 others.

1995: LORD HASTIE 7-9-1 A Mackay (3-1) C Thornton 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLOATING LINE 2¾l 3rd to Top Cees in Newmarket handicap (1m 7f, good to firm). OUTSTAYED WELCOME 2½l 3rd to Augustan in Chepstow amateurs' handicap (1m 4f, good to firm). HASTA LA VISTA 5l 4th to Iota in Catterick handicap (2m, good to soft). HAWKISH 5¾l 4th to Almuhtaram in Redcar handicap (1m 3f, firm). HERE COMES HERBIE 6l 2nd of 5 to Desert Frolic in Carlisle handicap (1m 4f, firm). KINDRED GREETING short-head 2nd to Supermick in Nottingham selling handicap (1m 6f, good to firm).
Selection: OUTSTAYED WELCOME

5.00 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,745: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

601 (5) CHESTERS QUEST (Mrs Beverley Thompson) R Hollinshead 4-9-7 D Griffiths (5) –
602 (3) 2- NIRVANA PRINCE 264J (D Portman) B Preece 7-9-7 V Slattery –
603 (8) 26-0230 FOREST ROBIN 48 (Mrs P Robeson) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-12 R Cochrane [illegible]
604 (4) 0-0533 RADIANT STAR 28 (BF) (J Peace) G Wragg 3-8-12 M Hills 96
605 (9) 5-40 RAISE A PRINCE 61 (G Tong) J Hills 3-8-12 W Woods 91
606 (1) 53 SWYNFORD SUPREME 7 (Qualitair Holdings Ltd) J Bottomley 3-8-12 J Lowe 89
607 (2) 32-3 ALTAMURA 74 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-7 G Hind 89
608 (6) INDIANA PRINCESS (Wentdale Racing Partners) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-7 A Culhane –
609 (7) 33 TOTEM DANCER 12 (Diamond Racing) J Eyre 3-8-7 J Fanning 81

BETTING: 6-4 Altamura, 4-1 Forest Robin, 5-1 Radiant Star, 8-1 Raise A Prince, 12-1 others.

1995: NINETTE 3-8-6 L Dettori (4-5 fav) J Gosden 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOREST ROBIN 1l 3rd of 10 to Trojan Risk in handicap at Kempton (1m 1f, good to firm) penultimate start. RADIANT STAR 2¾l 3rd of 13 to Greenstead in maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). RAISE A PRINCE 10l 4th of 14 to Nash House in maiden at Newbury (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start. ALTAMURA 5½l 3rd of 14 to Sasuru in maiden at Newcastle (1m 2f, good). TOTEM DANCER 7¼l 3rd of 9 to Dacha in maiden at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm) penultimate start.
Selection: FOREST ROBIN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
W Haggas	7	24	29.2	R Cochrane	15	63	23.8
S Bowring	6	25	24.0	M Hills	5	24	20.8
J Gosden	13	55	23.6	K Darley	35	171	20.5
B Hills	6	32	18.8	R Hills	7	35	20.0
D Morley	3	18	16.7	G Carter	10	69	14.5

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

5.55 Fort Knox. 6.25 Ricasso. 6.55 Chocolate Ice. 7.25 Nelly's Cousin. 7.55 Tafahhus. 8.25 Sylvan Princess.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
8.25 SYLVAN PRINCESS.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

5.55 SOUTHERN FM APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£3,024: 7f 214yd) (5 runners)

1 (2) 3532 TALATHATH 15 (V) C Dwyer 4-9-12 Jo Hunnam (3) 98
2 (4) 0665 DELIGHT OF DAWN 11 (D,F,G) R Simpson 4-9-11 Dane O'Neill 88
3 (1) 0254 FORT KNOX 9 (B,C,D,F,G) R Flower 5-9-4 C Adamson (3) [illegible]
4 (5) 0006 SHARP HOLLY 16 (B) J Bennett 4-8-1 Sophie Mitchell (3) 95
5 (3) 6000 HANG A RIGHT 14 (D,F,G) C Dwyer 9-7-10 Nicola Cole (7) 97

6-4 Talathath, 2-1 Delight Of Dawn, 9-2 Fort Knox, [illegible] Right.

6.25 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND ALFRISTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,407: 5f 59yd) (7)

1 (4) 06 FEEL A LINE 16 (B) B Meehan 9-0 M Tebbutt 84
2 (5) 40 MANKATO 17 D Cosgrove 9-0 W J O'Connor 95
3 (6) 23 RICASSO 11 (BF) D Loder 9-0 R Hughes [illegible]
4 (2) ALUMISIYAH H Thomson Jones 8-9 T Quinn –
5 (7) FLORENTINE DIAMOND M Prescott 8-9 G Duffield –
6 (1) GOOD NEWS M Madgwick 8-9 M Fenton –
7 (3) 005 MIDNIGHT TIMES 12 D O'Brien 8-9 G Bardwell –

2-1 Ricasso, 9-4 Alumisiyah, 7-2 Florentine Diamond, 5-1 Feel A Line, 16-1 Mankato, 25-1 Good News, 33-1 Midnight Times.

6.55 DUKE OF NORFOLK MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,695: 1m 3f 196yd) (6)

1 (2) 4344 MAJDAK JEREEB 45 (B) W Hern 9-7 T Sprake 97
2 (6) 5034 CHOCOLATE ICE 9 C Cyzer 9-2 W J O'Connor 98
3 (5) 400 QUEEN BEE 28 J Dunlop 9-0 G Duffield 92
4 (4) 1152 NIKITA'S STAR 6 (D,F,G) D Murray Smith 8-13 T Quinn 98
5 (1) 0253 ARCADY 12 P Walwyn 8-10 S Sanders 98
6 (3) 0601 GENERAL GLOW 11 (C,F) P Evans 7-10 J F Egan [illegible]

5-2 Majdak Jereeb, 11-4 Arcady, 4-1 Chocolate Ice, 9-2 General Glow, 6-1 Nikita's Star, 14-1 Queen Bee

7.25 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS EVENING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,934: 1m 1f 209yd) (5)

SKY

1 (3) 5231 ANAK-KU 14 (V,S) Miss G Kelleway 9-7 T Quinn [illegible]
2 (1) 5214 ALLSTARS EXPRESS 9 (D,BF,F) T Naughton 9-5 T Sprake 96
3 (4) 5014 NELLY'S COUSIN 10 (F) N Callaghan 8-12 Dane O'Neill (3) 98
4 (5) 0300 SHEILANA 11 T Mills 8-5 J Connally (7) 94
5 (2) 5-00 DUNCOMBE HALL 63 C Cyzer 7-13 M Henry (3) 98

6-4 Anak-Ku, 2-1 Nelly's Cousin, 5-2 Allstars Express, 10-1 Sheilana, 50-1 Duncombe Hall.

7.55 DOWNS SELLING STAKES
(£2,070: 5f 213yd) (7)

SKY

1 (4) 0310 DAHIYAH 10 (CD,F,G) D Williams 5-9-9 T Quinn 94
2 (2) 6162 TAFAHHUS 5 (B,CD,F) M Polglase 4-9-9 J Stack 92
3 (6) 3145 FOREMAN 88 (D,G) R Simpson 3-9-5 P Doe (7) 89
4 (3) 3300 BEST KEPT SECRET 11 (B,D,F,G,S) P Evans 5-9-4 J F Egan 80
5 (7) 5150 PEARL DAWN 5 (C,D,F,G) G L Moore 6-9-4 Dane O'Neill (3) [illegible]
6 (1) -056 WADERS DREAM 21 (V,D,F) Pat Mitchell 7-9-4 R Hughes 75
7 (5) 8545 SAMARA SONG 12 (B) W G M Turner 3-9-0 D Sweeney (7) 84

5-2 Tafahhus, 3-1 Pearl Dawn, 9-2 Dahiyah, 5-1 Foreman, Best Kept Secret, 16-1 Samara Song, 20-1 Waders Dream.

8.25 SOUTH COAST RADIO LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,381: 7f 214yd) (9)

SKY

1 (5) 1114 SYLVAN PRINCESS 2 (D,F) C Allen 9-1 Martin Dwyer (5) [illegible]
2 (1) 2610 PRINCESS PAMGADDY 21 (D,G) P Cole 8-13 T Quinn 90
3 (8) 6055 FLYING HAROLD 4 M Channon 8-12 R Hughes 92
4 (4) 0000 ALAJYAL 39 P Walwyn 8-9 S Sanders 88
5 (6) 00-0 CARWYN'S CHOICE 201 P Clarke 8-9 Dane O'Neill (3) –
6 (9) 0-44 FAIRLY SURE 20 N Berry 8-9 C Adamson (5) 90
7 (7) 0-56 MRS KEEN 11 R Simpson 8-9 P Doe (7) 80
8 (3) 000 PRINCESSE LYPHARD 11 M Polglase 8-9 N Carlisle 85
9 (2) 4040 TALLULAH BELLE 2 N Littmoden 8-9 T G McLaughlin 93

11-4 Sylvan Princess, 9-2 Fairly Sure, Princesse Lyphard, 5-1 Princess Pamgaddy, 6-1 Flying Harold, 8-1 Tallulah Belle, 12-1 Alajyal, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 4 winners from 13 runners, 30.8%; D Loder, 3 from 10, 30.0%; M Prescott, 17 from 57, 29.8%; J Dunlop, 18 from 72, 25.0%; P Evans, 3 from 12, 25.0%; R Flower, 7 from 32, 21.9%

JOCKEYS: S Sanders, 10 winners from 50 rides, 20.0%; T Quinn, 46 from 231, 19.9%; G Duffield, 20 from 101, 19.8%; R Hughes, 10 from 52, 19.2%; M Fenton, 6 from 47, 12.8%; M Henry, 4 from 33, 12.1%; Dane O'Neill, 5 from 50, 10.0%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Brighton: 6.25 Feel A Line. 6.55 Majdak Jereeb. Newton Abbot: 2.15 Kama Simba. Ripon: 3.00 Time Ticks On, Good To Talk. 3.30 Herodian

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

6.10 Spanish Verdict. 6.40 Clincher Club. 7.10 Alfayza. 7.40 Contrafire. 8.10 Swino. 8.40 Marino Street.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.10 SCANIA 4-SERIES HORSEPOWER/CARLISLE CHAMPION APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,968: 7f 214yd) (6 runners)

1 1220 SPANISH VERDICT 9 (CD,F,G,S) Denys Smith 9-10-0 C Teague 1
2 -810 PRIZEFIGHTER 12 (D,F,G) J Eyre 5-9-8 O Pears 6
3 0011 GENEROUS PRESENT 24 (CD,F) J Payne 3-8-12 D Wright 3
4 4626 EURO SCEPTIC 6 (B,D,F,G) T Easterby 4-8-8 R Havlin 5
5 6000 BOUNDARY BIRD 44 (B) M Johnston 3-8-5 K Sked (5) 4
6 -040 NEVER SO TRUE 19 (F) M Wane 5-7-10 R Ffrench (5) 2

6-4 Generous Present, 5-2 Prizefighter, 3-1 Euro Sceptic, 6-1 Spanish Verdict, 33-1 Boundary Bird, 66-1 Never So True

6.40 SCANIA 4-SERIES CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,605: 6f 206yd) (6)

1 0-0 INSIDEOUT 20 F Watson 8-11 J Fortune 5
2 1006 FORECAST 19 (F) J Wharton 8-7 K Fallon 2
3 6442 MILETRIAN CITY 11 (B) J Berry 8-7 J Carroll 4
4 0014 CLINCHER CLUB 10 (D,F) M Johnston 8-2 T Williams 6
5 0002 DREAMS AND SCHEMES 19 R Fahey 8-1 J Quinn 3
6 33-5 LA FINALE 2 D Nicholls 8-1 J Bramhill (7) 1

2-1 Dreams And Schemes, 9-4 Clincher Club, 4-1 Miletrian City, 9-2 La Finale, 7-1 Forecast, 33-1 Insideout.

7.10 GRAHAM COMMERCIALS FOR SCANIA LIMITED STAKES
(£2,773: 6f 206yd) (13)

SKY

1 0230 CEE-JAY-AY 17 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 9-9-2 P Roberts (5) 1
2 5563 DENSBEN 24 (C,F,G,S) Denys Smith 12-9-2 K Fallon 10
3 4350 DIAMOND CROWN 11 (F) M Wane 5-9-2 J Carroll 4
4 0-00 OLIFANTSFONTEIN 2 (F,G,S) D Nicholls 8-9-2 J Bramhill (7) 11
5 0651 GLOBE RUNNER 10 (F) J J O'Neill 3-8-13 T Williams 5
6 0002 KOMLUCKY 30 (B,G) A Mulholland 4-8-13 G Faulkner (7) 9
7 005- RAMBO'S RUMTIME 354 F Watson 4-8-13 J Fortune 13
8 -000 RUNFORACTION 14 (G) L Lloyd-James 4-8-13 V Halliday 6
9 3560 SUMMER VILLA 2 (G) J Hetherton 4-8-13 G Parkin (5) 7
10 0533 RICCARTON 17 P Calver 3-8-10 M Birch 8
11 -800 SUPERMISTER 7 T Easterby 3-8-10 R Havlin (5) 12
12 0080 ALFAYZA 27 (D,F) J Bothell 3-8-7 S Drowne 2
13 -566 THE BARNSLEY BELLE 11 (BF) J Eyre 3-8-7 A Clark 3

7-2 Riccarton, 9-2 Komlucky, 5-1 Supermister, 6-1 The Barnsley Belle, 7-1 Densben, 8-1 Globe Runner, 10-1 Cee-Jay-Ay, 12-1 others.

7.40 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR HANDICAP (£3,518: 1m 4f) (5)

SKY

1 4421 CONTRAFIRE 11 (D,F,G) W Jarvis 4-9-13 K Fallon 5
2 0612 DEAR LIFE 24 (F) Mrs J Cecil 3-9-8 A Clark 3
3 0521 MAFTUN 7 (D,F) G Moore 4-8-11 (5ex) J Tate 1
4 50-3 MASTER HYDE 17 (CD,F,G) W Storey 7-8-10 D McKeown 2
5 5423 LORD ADVOCATE 2 (B,D,F,G,S) D Nolan 8-8-5 N Varley (3) 4

2-1 Contrafire, 11-4 Dear Life, 7-2 Maftun, 4-1 Lord Advocate, 12-1 Master Hyde

8.10 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,846: 5f) (5)

SKY

1 5 CAIRN DHU 21 Mrs J Ramsden 8-13 K Fallon 5
2 6222 SWINO 20 P Evans 8-6 J Fortune 4
3 4 NORBRECK HOUSE 10 J Berry 8-3 J Carroll 1
4 2023 RED ROMANCE 14 Denys Smith 8-3 L Charnock 2
5 0005 THEWRIGHTONE 14 (B) G Oldroyd 7-12 J Lowe 3

5-4 Swino, 9-4 Norbreck House, 11-4 Red Romance, 10-1 Cairn Dhu, 16-1 Thewrightone

8.40 GRAHAM COMMERCIALS SCANIA KNOW HOW HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,801: 5f 207yd) (8)

SKY

1 1246 FAIRY PRINCE 18 (CD,F) Mrs A King 9-7 F Lynch (3) 1
2 5001 OATEY 5 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 9-7 (7ex) K Fallon 5
3 5316 MARINO STREET 11 (G) P Evans 9-5 J Fortune 8
4 0430 KATY-Q 32 (B,G) P Calver 8-12 M Birch 3
5 4030 DOUG'S FOLLY 11 (B,F) M W Easterby 8-6 Dale Gibson 7
6 0022 NEWLANDS CORNER 2 (B) J Akehurst 8-0 D Biggs 4
7 -002 YA MARHABA 15 J Payne 7-10 D Wright (3) 2
8 0050 LORD CORNELIOUS 7 D Nolan 7-10 N Varley (3) 6

11-4 Oatey, 3-1 Fairy Prince, 4-1 Newlands Corner, 5-1 Marino Street, 6-1 Ya Marhaba, 8-1 Doug's Folly, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Ramsden, 13 winners from 55 runners, 23.6%; M Johnston, 15 from 69, 21.7%; P Evans, 5 from 28, 17.9%; J Berry, 18 from 108, 16.7%; M W Easterby, 4 from 30, 13.3%; G Moore, 3 from 28, 10.7%.

JOCKEYS: O Pears, 7 winners from 35 rides, 20.0%; D Wright, 3 from 18, 16.7%; G Parkin, 3 from 18, 16.7%; K Fallon, 15 from 95, 15.8%; J Carroll, 15 from 105, 14.3%; J Fortune, 10 from 84, 11.9%

☐ Camporese, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam and ridden by John Reid, was beaten a short neck by André Fabre's Helen Of Spain (Thierry Jarnet) in the Prix de Pomone at Deauville yesterday.

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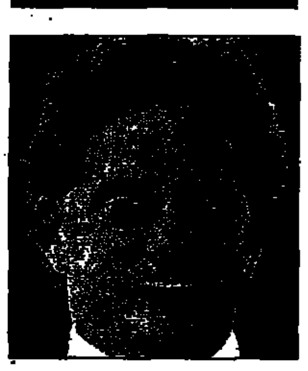
LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Johnston	77	76	59	1	-56.72
R Hannon	66	71	54	1	-213.95
J Berry	64	60	52	1	-70.99
H Cecil	61	33	34	3	-22.05
P Cole	57	46	30	1	+21.30
J Dunlop	56	51	35	1	-57.62
J Eyre	46	43	32	1	+39.29
M Channon	45	42	35	2	-64.81
R Hollinshead	44	37	61	6	-94.51
B Hills	40	34	30	3	-103.64
L Cumani	39	36	25	3	-45.94
Mrs J Ramsden	38	37	29	2	-87.93

JOCKEYS	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	120	82	69	0	-38.06
T Quinn	105	78	70	3	+18.06
K Fallon	95	82	89	7	-64.15
J Weaver	95	95	71	8	-68.45
J Reid	78	64	71	0	-65.75
R Cochrane	66	52	48	0	+3.89
L Dettori	61	37	31	3	-3.08
J Fortune	58	55	75	0	-152.45
K Darley	58	81	60	13	-163.61
S Sanders	53	56	51	12	-147.90
F Lynch	52	38	55	22	+22.76
Dane O'Neill	48	37	24	5	+22.83

Over-zealous announcer spoils glorious occasion

JULIAN MUSCAT



Racing Commentary

Glorious Goodwood can be miserable when it rains, but the sun prevailed in the battle of the elements. It can be heavenly when the favourites win but bookmakers prevailed in the battle with punters. It can be blissful in between races, when you may quietly contemplate scenes of high summer. In that respect, it was a good week spoiled.

So varied were the shopping stalls that you might have replaced your entire collection of sporting prints. You could have bought a black silk topper, as did one trainer's wife, presumably for her husband. Or a car, or even a boat.

Had you looked hard enough, you might even have purchased a complete refurbishment of your kitchen. Yet what was urgently required was nowhere to be found. Any sharp-witted vendor would have made a killing selling earplugs.

By far the most unpopular man at Goodwood was the one assigned to the public address system. How he relished his role. How seriously he took his responsibilities. How he loved the sound of his own voice. How he nauseated. Granted, it is nice to keep the public informed, but this was ridiculous. Just about the only advice he failed to relay was to the man in the blue blazer: "*Would he kindly stop and retie his shoelaces lest he should trip himself up.*"

There was to be no hiding place. It assaulted you as you entered the course. It permeated every conversation. On Thursday, on visiting the gentlemen's room, I discovered a man seeking sanctuary as he contemplated an immensely difficult Tote Jackpot. "If I scoop the pool," he told me, "I will pay that man never to come here again." He failed. The announcer reappeared on Friday, irritatingly freshened by a night's rest.

Racecourses appeal as venues for relaxation. Around the paddock, there is pleasure in the sound of polite applause for the winning connections. There is pleasure in the sound of hooves on parade before racing. There is an even greater pleasure in the sound of silence. For these reasons, it is enchanting to go racing at Keeneland in Kentucky, where the absence of addressing the public even extends to race commentaries. They are non-existent.

As runners reach the home straight, the gallery at Keeneland signals its appreciation with a rising cheer, immediately followed by gentle applause for the winner. Some believe that Keeneland stages the most civilised racing in the world.

To our friend at Goodwood, it would be Hell on earth. He should be sent there to experience the apoplexy he wrought on 95,560 visitors to Goodwood. Unlike many of the favourites, he was full of running at the end of five gruelling days.

What, then, are the alternatives to killing time between races? Perhaps we could have dancing girls, with their twirling pom-poms and toothpaste smiles. Or the Russian Circus, with performing seals on highwires. In the event of rain, perhaps Sir Cliff Richard might sing to us about summer holidays. Anything but that ghastly public address system blaring its pathetic platitudes.

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It was almost as if we were back in the rush hour at Victoria Station. It was everything we hoped to escape — and found in abundance at Goodwood.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

2.15 Indrapura. 2.45 The Black Monk. 3.15 Southerly Gale. 3.45 Missed The Boat. 4.15 Denomination. 4.45 Nobiely. 5.15 Kailash.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.15 HOLSWORTHY NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(£1,893: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

1 1 INDRAPURA 2 (F) M Pipe 4-11-2 D Bridgwater
2 P-12 NIGHT TIME 17 (F) F Jordan 4-11-2 Mr G Shenkin (7)
3 6 MARIO'S DREAM 9 Mrs J Retter 8-10-12 D Gallagher
4 P-PF ON THE LEDGE 15 H Manners 6-10-12 A Dowling (7)
5 ALMAPA 33F R Hodges 4-10-9 T Dascombe (3)
6 GALLOPING GUNS 21F B Llewellyn 4-10-9 Guy Lewis (3)
7 4F-0 KAMA SIMBA 10F (B) J White 4-10-9 A P McCoy
8 -342 MINNESOTA FATS 15 Miss M Rowland 4-10-9 Gary Lyons

4-5 Indrapura, 5-1 Night Time, 6-1 Kama Simba, 8-1 Almapa, Minnesota Fats, 25-1 Galloping Guns, 33-1 others.

2.45 NEWTON ABBOT RACECOURSE CAR BOOT SALES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,959: 2m 6f) (6)

1 5-31 JENNYELLEN 18 (D,F,G) P Bowen 7-12-0 R Johnson
2 10-2 THE BLACK MONK 13 (V,CD,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-11 D Bridgwater
3 /63- SPRINGFIELD DANCER 91 (C,S) P Hobbs 5-11-7 A P McCoy
4 0-08 BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 18 (G) N Hawke 7-11-0 C Llewellyn
5 1- CELESTIAL FIRE 21F (F) J White 4-10-7 D Gallagher
6 05-0 COEUR BATTANT 18 (F) R Baker 6-10-0 B Powell

2-1 Jennyellen, 5-2 Springfield Dancer, 7-2 The Black Monk, 5-1 Celestial Fire, 10-1 Beam Me Up Scotty, 16-1 Coeur Battant

3.15 MIDSUMMER NOVICES CHASE
(£2,832: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1 6-21 SOUTHERLY GALE 44 (CD,F) M Pipe 9-11-12 D Bridgwater
2 343- DUKE OF LANCASTER 96 (V) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-12 R Bellamy
3 00-P LIBERTY JAMES 13 Mrs E Brooks 9-10-12 G Upton
4 0-53 TOUR LEADER 13 (F,G) R Buckler 7-10-12 B Powell
5 3-F3 WAKT 15 (F,S) J White 6-10-7 A P McCoy

11-8 Southerly Gale, 7-4 Duke Of Lancaster, 6-1 Tour Leader, 8-1 Wakt, 12-1 Liberty James

3.45 LES FLETCHER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,949: 2m 1f) (8)

1 1-63 STAY WITH ME 17 (D,F) C Egerton 6-12-0 J Osborne
2 00-3 MR SNAGGLE 13 (G,S) S Earle 7-12-0 C Maude
3 /PP- SIRTELIMAR 79 (D,F,G) K Bailey 7-11-11 T J Murphy (3)
4 52-0 GUNMAKER 23 (G,S) B Llewellyn 7-10-13 Mr J L Llewellyn
5 013- MISSED THE BOAT 5F (F) A Newcombe 6-10-12 A Thornton
6 06-2 VERDE LUNA 17 (F) D Arbuthnot 4-10-12 A P McCoy
7 630/ MADRAJ 485 (D,F) R Hodges 8-10-10 W McFarland
8 P51- GAME DILEMMA 147 (D,G) J Mullins 5-10-8 R Greene

3-1 Verde Luna, 4-1 Missed The Boat, 9-2 Gunmaker, 5-1 Mr Snaggle, 6-1 Stay With Me, 7-1 Game Dilemma, 10-1 Sirtelimar, 25-1 others.

4.15 AUGUST NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,190: 2m 1f) (6)

1 -P11 DENOMINATION 15 (F) M Pipe 4-12-0 D Bridgwater
2 F-10 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 11F (D,F) P Hayward 7-11-7 B Fenton
3 P0-0 KINDERGARTEN BOY 33 K Bailey 5-11-3 T J Murphy (3)
4 066- SOUTHERN RIDGE 117 R Frost 5-10-12 Mr A Holdsworth
5 50-0 DON TOCINO 26 J White 6-10-6 S Curran
6 -P23 MUTLEY 9 (BF) N Hawke 6-10-0 C Maude

6-4 Denomination, 7-2 Mutley, 5-1 Courageous Knight, Southern Ridge, 8-1 Kindergarten Boy, 12-1 Don Tocino

4.45 NORTH BANK HIGHBURY HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,818: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 1312 NOBLELY 5 (CD,BF,F,G,S) N Walker 9-12-0 R Farrant
2 52-5 RAMSTAR 58 (BF,F,S) P Hobbs 8-11-13 A P McCoy
3 R-65 MANAMOUR 15 (D,F) R Lee 9-10-6 C Llewellyn
4 1-4P TANGO'S DELIGHT 18 (G) R Baker 8-10-3 B Powell
5 2303 FLYING ZIAD 5 (C,F,G) H Manners 13-10-0 Mr A Charles-Jones
6 52P- PRUDENT PEGGY 93 (B,C,S) R Frost 9-10-0 J Frost
7 P00- GABISH 74 (D,F,G) B Scriven 11-10-0 Mr R Thornton (7)

6-4 Nobley, 11-4 Ramstar, 5-1 Manamour, 8-1 Tango's Delight, Prudent Peggy, 10-1 Flying Ziad, 33-1 Gabish

5.15 WHO'S WHO STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,138: 2m 1f) (8)

1 1-11 KAILASH 26 (F,G) M Pipe 5-12-4 D Bridgwater
2 0-4 DRAGON FLY 37 C Barwell 5-11-4 B Clifford
3 0 HEADING NORTH 26 D Carter 5-11-4 Miss E J Jones (7)
4 LATE ENCOUNTER B Llewellyn 5-11-4 Guy Lewis (3)
5 RED TEL M Pipe 4-11-1 C Maude
6 ROYAL SALUTE F Jordan 4-11-1 Mr G Shenkin (7)
7 0 KATHARINE'S SONG 26 D Hyde 6-10-13 B Powell
8 0- LUCKY MO 401 B Millman 6-10-13 D Salter (5)

4-6 Kailash, 4-1 Red Tel, 6-1 Dragon Fly, 8-1 Royal Salute, 16-1 Late Encounter, 25-1 Heading North, Lucky Mo, 33-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Newcombe, 9 winners from 30 runners, 30.0%; P Hobbs, 39 from 131, 29.8%; M Pipe, 82 from 313, 26.2%; C Egerton, 7 from 29, 24.1%; J White, 14 from 60, 23.3%

JOCKEYS: B Fenton, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; D Bridgwater, 24 from 96, 25.0%; A Thornton, 13 from 54, 24.1%; J Osborne, 13 from 54, 24.1%; B M Clifford, 6 from 36, 16.7%.

FISHING: RIVER KENNET PRODUCES HUGE TROUT FOR ANGLER CHERISHING HIS MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT IN THE SPORT

Professor causes stir with remarkable discovery

Professor Downing displays the 13lb 8oz brown trout

Brian Clarke reports on
the unlikely capture of
of a fish worth keeping

A distinguished specialist at one of the leading London hospitals has caught a brown trout weighing 13lb 8oz from a river. The witnessed capture of such a fish — it may well prove to be the largest river-caught brown trout this year — is enough to grab attention at any time.

When one is told that the fish came from the Kennet in Wiltshire, and the small and mostly shallow upper reaches of that river, then the attention is even greater. When one hears the fish rose to a size 16 dry fly, two or three of which could sit on a fingernail, incredulity creeps in.

But there is more. This fish was taken on a size 16 dry fly, fished on a 3lb breaking-strain leader. More precisely, it was taken on a size 16 dry fly fished from a 3lb breaking-strain leader that had a wind knot in it — a knot calculated to reduce even its nominal strength by 30 per cent or more.

It is a series of improbabilities fit to disjoint the mind: the kind of claim that a humorist might compile to illustrate the stories some anglers tell, and many a laugh it would raise.

Yet it is all true. The fish — whether stocked fish or not in these circumstances is almost immaterial — exists. It was caught by Professor Hermon Dowling, who is Professor of Gastroenterology at Guy's Hospital. Professor Dowling wanted to keep his fish. He called to enquire about a reliable taxidermist. It was only in the course of the ensuing conversation that the extraordinary details of the capture came to light.

This story must rank as one of the most bizarre fly fishing triumphs of recent years. Professor Dowling's fish was hooked, played and landed in the open river, albeit by an experienced angler, who makes something of a speciality of light-line fishing. Most anglers would not attempt to play a 13lb 8oz brown trout on a 3lb leader if they knew the beast had heart trouble and was lying anaesthetised in the bath.

Such a fish deserves more than simple preservation in a glass case, perhaps with its weight and date of capture on the front. It needs the whole story in some way preserving so that all might marvel: who caught it, where and how; the details of the fly, the leader, the knot; the races up and down the bank to keep pace with its runs; the way its doubled-up weight nearly broke the net, the way the fly fell from the fish's mouth the moment the trout was on the bank.

Certainly, it should not be abandoned to the fate of most glass case fish. Too often, fish in glass cases are reduced to anonymity. Junk shops, auction rooms, the walls of fishing hotels and some pubs are draped with such sad sights. There is simply the fish in the case with, perhaps, a line of peeling gilt that illuminates nothing.

Yet, like Professor Dowling's trout, every cased fish is likely to have been, for one reason or another, the highlight of some angler's life. Mostly, the reason will have been the fish's exceptional size. But not always. There are a lot of quite modest fish in glass cases that someone has gone to the considerable trouble of having preserved.

We rarely know the reason. In most cases, we can never find out. Fish in glass cases do not always stay with their captors and often outlast them. Separated from the living story of why it was kept, what made it so special, a fish loses identity and meaning: a sublime creature is reduced to mere furniture. Perhaps even a moment of angling history is lost.

Yet what angler has not looked up at a fish in a case and wanted to know more? What angler has not wondered whether this anonymous monster — if it is a monster — was a known fish stalked and deceived or simply a whopper that came out of the blue? Who has not wondered what made it so special to someone that he spent hundreds, maybe thousands of pounds on having it cased?

I only once felt compelled, like Professor Dowling, to put a trout into a glass case. I caught it years ago. It, too, came from a small stream. I kept it not so much for its size — it was a fine fish though nothing like the Kennet corker — but because of the way it was caught and because, in catching it, I experienced a hair-raising moment of an extraordinary kind.

That moment — the details of it are not relevant here — was as intimately linked to the fish as the fly which seduced it. I wanted to preserve them all.

And so my brown trout is indeed in a case. On the outside is the fish's weight, date and place of capture and my name. Inside the case, pinned to the back, is a panel carrying the neatly-printed story of the capture — what the fish did, what I did, what it did next: and a description of a moment that, in the remembering, can still bring up the hairs on the back of my neck.

A brown trout of 13lb 8oz caught on a size 16 dry fly on a 3lb leader with a wind knot in it deserves no less. If I were Professor Dowling, I would have all the traditional stuff on the outside of the case, in gilt. Inside, I would have the remarkable story of its capture, set out in some way.

I would also have in there the size 16 dry fly which the great fish, against all odds, lifted and sipped in and, still attached to the fly, that whisp-of-nothing leader complete with its knot. A hundred years from now, the size of that fish alone is guaranteed to attract attention. The story and that leader will bring its capture back to life.

☐ *Brian Clarke's fishing column appears on the first Monday of each month.*

GOLF

Westwood finds an extra special touch of class

FROM MEL WEBB IN GOTHENBURG

THE past three months have seen Lee Westwood produce a run of form that comes only rarely in the course of a career, and yesterday he took a giant extra stride when he claimed his maiden PGA European Tour victory. Westwood was the youngest member of a three-man play-off for the Volvo Scandinavian Masters title, but displayed the coolness of a veteran to win at the second extra hole.

Westwood was pitted against Paul Broadhurst and Russell Claydon, with whom he had tied on 281, seven under par, following matching 68s, a shot in front of Santiago Luña and three ahead of Jean Van de Velde.

Broadhurst went at the first extra hole, driving into fairway sand and failing to make par from eight feet. Claydon was also looking for his first win but is much more experienced than Westwood. In the end experience counted for nothing. Westwood, 23, from Worksop, put his second shot three feet wide of the green on the right after Claydon had finished on the putting surface 30 feet from the hole. An extraordinary shot would be needed to win, and Westwood found one.

A powerful case could have been made for a chip and run if the safety of a par was the objective, but Westwood wanted none of that. He boldly unsheathed his putter and put a long, smooth stroke on the ball. It rolled, made one tiny skip then rolled on. Westwood's expression changed five times in as many seconds, and the last one was unalloyed joy as the ball dropped from all of 50 feet. Claydon's effort missed by six inches. It was all over.

The winning putt was the crowning moment of a hotly-contested last day, and the climax, too, of a remarkable sequence of powerful finishes by Westwood, especially in the light of what preceded it.

In the first ten weeks of the season Westwood's highest finish was a tie for fortieth, and he made only a fraction more than £7,000. Then, during a two-week break at the beginning of April, he found a new coach, Peter Cowen, the professional at Lindrick, and his fortunes changed almost overnight.

In the 13 weeks before this tournament he had eight finishes in the top 12, and had moved from 121st in the European order of merit to sixteenth. The £116,660 he won here has promoted him to fourth with almost £270,000. Improvements do not come much more dramatic than that.

John Daly, putting in an expensive guest appearance at Forsgårdens, made an infinitely better fist of it than he had at the Dutch Open a week earlier, when he handsomely missed the cut and scored 89 in the second round.

He had been complaining all week of being unable to find a driver that suited him, and the task became impossible after the 7th, primarily because he threw the offending club away. A nearby pond was chosen as its last resting place, but it was not there long, a small Swedish lad beating a gaggle of youthful competitors in a soggy contest to salvage a valuable souvenir.

"That was a whole lot better," Daly said. "My main objective now is to get back together with the driver — it's the most important club in my bag. I think we've got the problem licked, though." It is just as well, perhaps — lobbing £500 clubs into the drink can become an expensive habit.

FINAL SCORES

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

281: L Westwood 69, 75, 69, 68 (won play-off at second extra hole), R Claydon 68, 71, 74, 68; P Broadhurst 72, 70, 71, 68 282: S Luña (Sp) 67, 71, 76, 68. 284: J van de Velde (Fr) 72, 68, 74, 70 285: I Pyman 71, 73, 70, 71. 286: R Wessels (SA) 73, 72, 72, 69, P Walton 77 69, 70, 70, C Suneson (Sp) 72, 72, 71, 71; S Bottomley 74, 74, 65, 73; T Bjorn (Den) 67, 68, 76, 75 287: P Fulke (Swe) 71, 73, 76, 67; P Nyman (Swe) 70, 78, 71, 68, M Martin (Sp) 68, 72, 77, 70; C Montgomerie 69, 76, 72, 70, F Roca (Sp) 70, 71, 74, 72; S Grappasonni (It) 70, 70, 73, 74. Other scores: 288: J Daly (US) 71, 71, 76, 70. 290: I Woosnam 69, 79, 72, 70 293: B Langer (Ger) 74, 74, 75, 70 296: A Forsbrand (Swe) 74, 73, 77, 72

Westwood's first victory on the European Tour saw him leap to fourth in the order of merit

SPORT IN BRIEF

Corser leads chase for Super Bike title

TROY CORSER, of Australia, took a step closer to the World Super Bike motorcycling championship with his fifth win of the year yesterday at Brands Hatch. Corser, on a Ducati, retired from the first 25-lap leg with a seized engine, but came back to dominate the second leg. Carl Fogarty, the defending champion from Britain, was fifth in the first leg, but crashed out in the second.

Fogarty has struggled since switching from Ducati to Honda and has managed only two victories so far over the quicker Italian machines. After yesterday's first race he said: "That was the best I could do. I was hanging on in there for everything I could get. I'd like to get a better result for the crowd at least. They were going wild every lap and I was only in fourth or fifth place."

☐ Alex Criville, of Spain, created an upset in the Austrian 500cc motorcycle Grand Prix in Zeltweg when he snatched a last-lap victory from Michael Doohan, of Australia, the world championship leader. It was Criville's first grand prix victory of the season.

Mallon in front

GOLF: Meg Mallon, of the United States, held a one-stroke lead after the third round of the Du Maurier Classic golf tournament in Edmonton, Alberta, her three-under-par 69 giving her the narrowest of advantages over Karrie Webb, of Australia, and another American, Pat Hurst. The European challenge was being led by two Swedes — Liselotte Neumann, who shot 67, and Annika Sorenstam, who carded a 69 — four shots off the lead.

Triples team beaten

BOWLS: England's team of Wendy Line, Jean Baker and Mary Price, lost their unbeaten record in the fourth qualifying round of the women's world championship triples at Leamington Spa yesterday when they were beaten by Guernsey 16-10. England's group rivals, South Africa, and Scotland, the holders, both won. In the pairs, the holders, Phillis Nolan and Margaret Johnston, of Ireland, lost 21-13 to Papua New Guinea.

C S Brooks triumph

POLO: The Goodwood week contest for the 18-goal Cowdray Park Challenge Cup was concluded at Midhurst, Sussex, yesterday, with an 8-7 victory for C S Brooks, in extra time (John Watson writes). Their opponents, West Sphere, were three goals ahead by treading-in time, but C S Brooks rallied strongly to draw level just before the fifth chukka.

C S BROOKS: 1, A Buchanan (40); 2, C Beresford (6); 3, M Vidou (7), Back, M Rutherford (1)
WEST SPHERE: 1, R Lee-Uff (1), 2, A Kent (7); 3, J Bollini (8) Back, A Kirby (2)

McKay outsprints rival

CYCLING: Mark McKay, the Team Ambrosia professional from Northampton, outsprinted former double Commonwealth champion Paul Curran to win yesterday's 119-mile Tour of the Cotswolds road race. They were the survivors of an original 11-man break, which formed after only 15 miles, and McKay put in his winning attack on the last climb of the day, 17 miles from the finish. For the second year running, third place went to Colin Langley.

McNally posts victory

BOWLS: Pat McNally, the 55-year-old Borders postman, took the Rosebery Trophy back to his Earlston club for the first time in its 115-year history when he won the Scottish singles championship at Ayr Northfield on Saturday, beating Jim Byron, from Westermains, 21-9 in the final. McNally picked up eight shots over the opening four ends, led 12-5 after ten ends and then moved clear with successive threes. He sealed victory four ends later with a single.

Webster wraps up amateur championship in style

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

IT WAS the birdies that did it. Throughout the 66th English Amateur Championship at the Notts Golf Club, Hollinwell, opponents of Shaun Webster had found that par golf was not good enough and, in benign conditions on Saturday, the 19-year-old from the Ifield Club, in Sussex, had eight more birdies as he defeated Denny Lucas, of Worksop, by 6 and 4 in the 36-hole final.

Wearing a jazzy T-shirt from the Hard Rock Café in Atlanta under his white golf shirt, Webster, a semi-finalist last year, was quickly in tune, winning the 1st and 3rd holes with birdies. He lost the 2nd to a par but Lucas, 19, discovered that, in general, pars were not enough to wobble Webster.

Webster was one up at the turn and, by the 17th, he was four up after four birdies in eight holes. Lucas had a chance at the last but bunkered his second shot after Webster had ended on the practice putting green and they halved the hole in five.

After lunch, Lucas, whose supporters included clubmate Mark Foster, winner of the title in 1994 and 1995, won the 3rd with a birdie four but he looked tentative. At the 8th, where Hollinwell's holy well is located, he scrambled a half after driving into the trees, but it was not to signal divine restoration, for Lucas had chances to win the 9th, 10th and 11th and missed them all.

The 9th was particularly cruel and demoralising. Lucas hit his tee shot to eight feet and Webster hit a poor shot into the bunker on the right but splashed out to nine feet and holed the putt. Lucas missed his and people started muttering about turning points.

The Nottinghamshire lad, who hopes to follow Foster and Lee Westwood, another Worksop man, into the professional ranks next year, was one under par for 29 holes but three down, and at the 30th his game succumbed to the strain. He lost the hole to a par four after Webster recovered better from a bad drive; at the next, a majestic par three of 236 yards, Webster hit the green with a four-iron from the elevated tee but Lucas shot over the back into a tangle of trouble and Webster did not have to putt to go five up.

At the 32nd, Webster hit a wedge to 15 feet and Lucas's second bounded off the green and ended beside a tree. "We could do with some of Severiano's rabbit droppings," Lucas's caddie said, knowing the end was nigh. Webster, with two putts to win, ended his week in champion style with yet another birdie.

FINAL: S Webster (Ifield) bt D Lucas (Worksop) 6 and 4

Michael Brooks, from Carluke, comfortably won the J and B Scottish Amateur Championship at Dunbar on Saturday, beating Allan Turnbull, from Innerleithen, in the final by 7 and 6. Brooks, 24, covered the course in three under par in windy conditions. In the Welsh Amateur Championship at Ashburnham, Yestyn Taylor beat David Park by 3 and 2.

RUGBY UNION: SOUTH AFRICA CELEBRATE TRI-NATIONS VICTORY WHILE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE TOURNAMENT HANGS IN BALANCE

Stransky provides kick-start for tough schedule

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BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH Africa, the World Cup holders, have been slow to register their first success in the inaugural tri-nations tournament but, third time lucky, they did so in Bloemfontein on Saturday. They now face four internationals in four weeks against New Zealand, who have already wrapped up the tournament.

The first of that quartet, in Cape Town next Saturday, is the final tri-nations match, while the three which follow form the focal points of the All Blacks' tour of South Africa. This is fixture-making of an intensity British players will find difficult to conceive, though Ian McGeechan, the coach on the British Isles tour to South Africa next year, will do his best to prepare them.

McGeechan is due to watch the internationals in Cape Town and Durban as part of the Lions' pre-tour planning, though he has already been interested to see, via television, that none of the southern-hemisphere giants have been able to live up to the example set by New Zealand in their opening tri-nations match — the 43-6 rout of Australia.

Australia have recovered manfully from that hiding but have not found the key to winning matches. The Australia scrum is not as solid as those of, say, 1984 or 1991, but Eales will not be quelled at the lineout and South Africa turned over far more loose ball in Bloemfontein than they expected. However, the midfield mix foundered upon a South African defence that will be a formidable threat even to the All Blacks.

Is Howard's best position stand-off half or centre? Surely a place must be found for Roff who, when he replaced Burke at half-time, added a fresh dimension? Has Campese an international future or is he doomed to linger in the history books on 99 caps? It is one of life's ironies that Campese, the great entertainer, is now used primarily as a tactical kicker by his coach.

Australia's problems are those of personnel, South Africa's of style. Any watching Englishman would have recognised the game plan of a side kicking relentlessly from half back until they gained a toehold in the Australia 22: the ball seldom moved further than Mulder in the centre and the South African scrum even took a further leaf out of England's book by examining pushover opportunities.

Such pressure gave Stransky the chance to win the match; six penalty goals from seven attempts soared between the posts and the Western Province stand-off half also converted his own try.

Since their squad has been afflicted by a gastric problem, perhaps a limited South African approach was appropriate, and they were hanging on grimly as Australia scored a late try through Tune.

SCORERS: South Africa: Try: Stransky. Conversion: Stransky. Penalty goals: Stransky (6) Australia: Try: Tune Conversion: Eales Penalty goals: Eales (3), Burke.

SOUTH AFRICA: J T Small (Natal), J Swart (Western Province), J C Mulder (Transvaal), B Venter (Free State), P Hendriks (Transvaal); J T Stransky (Western Province), J P Roux (Transvaal); J P du Randt (Free State), J Allan (Natal), I S Swart (Transvaal), J F Pienaar (Transvaal, captain), J Ackermann (Northern Transvaal), M G Andrews (Natal), R J Kruger (Northern Transvaal), G H Teichmann (Natal) Ackermann replaced by J J Strydom (Transvaal, 39min), Swart replaced by D Theron (Griqualand West, 40), Roux replaced by J H van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal, 59)

AUSTRALIA: M C Burke (NSW); D I Campese (NSW), D J Herbert (Queensland), P W Howard (ACT), B N Tune (Queensland), S Bowen (NSW), G M Gregan (ACT); D J Crowley (Queensland), M A Foley (Queensland), A Heath (NSW), M C Brial (NSW), J Welborn (NSW), J A Eales (Queensland, captain), D J Wilson (Queensland), B T Gavin (NSW). Burke replaced by J W Roff (ACT).

Referee: B W Stirling (Ireland)

Decision day for five nations'

REPRESENTATIVES of Wales, Scotland and Ireland will meet in Cardiff this evening to pass judgment on what one Rugby Football Union (RFU) official described as "fair and reasonable" proposals from England, designed to end the increasingly-fractious dispute over broadcasting rights and England's threatened expulsion from the five nations' championship (David Hands writes).

It is a dispute which cannot run much further: either a compromise is reached or a split, damaging to every country, will become reality. The most likely scenario in the confidential document sent from the RFU to Cardiff, Edinburgh and Dublin is that England place a larger sum — say, £30 million — into an exclusive five nations' pot, yet leave themselves enough to finance Twickenham and the game in England at large.

It is for the other three countries to determine whether that is sufficient for the time being, or whether a binding agreement over future television negotiations must be ground out. It would help the RFU mightily were BSkyB, the satellite teleivison company part-owned by News International, owners of *The Times*, able to offer news of a terrestrial partner which is fundamental to the contract struck with the RFU.

Ironically, there is probably greater unity among the RFU negotiating team than at any other stage this year, as a result of last Tuesday's angry five nations' meeting in Cardiff. There have been concessions but England can only retreat so far without compromising the financial arrangements they believe are imperative to the wellbeing of the whole English game.

But, whatever the outcome, England are committed to strengthening their fixture list. "England have to make certain they stay in the first tier of international rugby," one RFU officer said. "The players and management are urging us to take that on as part of our policy.

"They are saying, don't ask us to play every four years against the southern-hemisphere countries and expect us to be up to that level."

ATHLETICS

NEMBRO, Italy: Junior international (Italy v France v Great Britain v Spain, winners and British): Men: 100m: 1, F Scuderi (It) 10.1sec; equal 4, U Ugono (Herne Hill) 10.5; 6, C Malcolm (Cardiff) 10.5. 200m: 1, Z Ruddy (Fr) 21.0; equal 3, Ugono and M Findley (Blackheath) 21.3. 400m: 1, E Vallett (It) 46.8; 2, G Doarman (Hounslow) 47.0; 4, K Stewart (Scottish Borders) 47.6. 800m: 1, A Young (Loughborough) 1min 50.25sec; 3, C Moss (Blackheath) 1:50.62. 1,500m: 1, F Chouky (Fr) 3:57.95; 5, G Cuddy (Sale) 3:59.95; 7, M East (City of Portsmouth) 4:00.95. 110m hurdles: 1, D Jarvin (Fr) 14.1sec; 3, R Bathe (Victoria Park) 14.2; 8, B Warmington (North Shields Poly) 16.2. 400m hurdles: 1, F Fasetu (It) 51.8; 3, C Robertson-Adams (Telford) 52.9; 4, M Rowlands (Swansea) 53.1. High jump: 1, J Brierley (Telford) 2.26m (1996 world junior best); 2, B Challenger (Charnwood) 2.11. Long jump: 1, R Fernandez (Sp) 7.88m; 3, N Morgan (Leicester Coritanians) 7.68; 5, D Clerihew (City of Edinburgh) 7.27. Shot: 1, I Sulsa (Sp) 17.48m; 2, C Myerscough (Blackpool and Fylde) 17.30m; 4, E Udechuku (Blackheath) 15.34. Discus: 1, Y Naare (Fr) 51.58; 2, E Udechuku 51.05; 5, Myerscough 48.22. Match result: 1, Spain 194pts; 2, France 193; 3, Great Britain 170; 4, Italy 146.

SOUTHERN MEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Basingstoke (selected winners): 800m: P Morrison (Basingstoke and Mid Hants) 1min 51.8sec. Shot: N Spratley (Reading) 16.02m. Match result: 1, Basingstoke and Mid Hants 147pts; 2, Reading 118; 3, Verlea 117; 4, Guildford and Godalming 111 (Parliament Hill Fields): 1, Highgate 119; 2, Hercules Wimbledon 118.5; 3, Luton 114; 4, Croydon 98.5; 5, Blackheath 78 (Southend): 1, Southend 117; 2, Woking 109.5; 3, Thurrock 103; 4, Woodford Green 101; 5, Ealing, Southall and Middlesex 96.5. Tonbridge (selected winners): 100m: J Livingston (Shaftsbury Barnet) 10.6sec. Discus: M Davis (Tonbridge) 47.56m. Hammer: G Holder (Bexley) 58.0m. Tooting Bec (selected winners): 800m: D English (Havering Mayesbrook) 1min 51.8sec. Triple jump: A Oyediran (Herne Hill) 15.13m. Discus: G Power (Herne Hill) 47.98m. Hammer: A McNicholas (Bedford) 55.36m. Match result: 1, Norfolk Olympiads 134; 2, Herne Hill 117; 3, Havering Mayesbrook 112; 4, Bedford 108; 5, Bournemouth 68. Leading standings after 5 matches: 1, Basingstoke and Mid Hants 25; 2, Norfolk Olympiads 23; 3, Havering Mayesbrook 23; 4, Highgate 20.5; 5, Bedford 20; 6, Luton 20.

CUDWORTH: North of England Men's inter-counties championships (winners): 100m: P Pengo (Yorkshire) 10.88sec. 200m: Pengo 21.98. 400m: O Baird (Humberside) 48.41. 800m: B Donkin (Humberside) 1min 51.18sec. 1,500m: C Old (North-East) 3:58.42. 3,000m: P Green (Greater Manchester) 8:18.71. 2,000m steeplechase: S Stokes (Greater Manchester) 5:44.71. 110m hurdles: M Nicholson (Lincolnshire) 14.51sec. 400m hurdles: P Hames (Derbyshire) 53.89. 4 x 100m relay: Cheshire 43.48. 4 x 400m relay: North-East 3:19.72. High jump: D Graham (Merseyside) 2.05m. Pole vault: P Williamson (Humberside) 5.30m. Long jump: P Johnson (Yorkshire) 6.79m. Triple jump: J Wiggens (Lancashire) 13.67m. Shot: R Russell (Yorkshire) 16.59m. Discus: A Rudton (Lincolnshire) 42.68m. Hammer: C Walsh (North-East) 53.64m. 5km walk: R Oldale (Yorkshire) 21:17.45. Match result: 1, Yorkshire 155; 2, Greater Manchester 101; 3, North-Eastern Counties 92.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): West Coast 14.15 (99) Essendon 14.9 (93); Sydney 17.13 (115) Melbourne 6.16 (52); Fitzroy 6.9 (45) Footscray 8.12 (60); Richmond 7.11 (53) Brisbane 9.16 (70); Carlton 23.7 (145) Fremantle 11.18 (84); St Kilda 13.10 (88) Collingwood 11.12 (78); Geelong 15.14 (104) Adelaide 10.9 (69); North Melbourne 19.16 (130) Hawthorn 15.9 (99).

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Boston 11 Minnesota 10; Cleveland 11 Baltimore 1; Detroit 8 Seattle 2; Toronto 9 California 2; Kansas City 4 New York 3 (10 innings); Chicago 9 Texas 0; Milwaukee 4 Oakland 3 (10 innings). Saturday: (1st) Boston 6 Minnesota 3; (2nd) Minnesota 6 Boston 0; Baltimore 9 Cleveland 4; Milwaukee 7 Oakland 0; California 11 Toronto 6; Detroit 6 Seattle 3; Kansas City 11 New York 4; Chicago 11 Texas 9.

	W	L	Pct	GB
East division				
New York	64	44	593	—
Baltimore	55	53	509	9
Toronto	51	59	464	14
Boston	49	60	450	15½
Detroit	38	72	345	27
Central division				
Cleveland	66	44	.600	—
Chicago	61	49	.555	5
Milwaukee	54	56	491	12
Minnesota	52	58	473	14
Kansas City	51	60	.459	15½
West division				
Texas	61	49	555	—
Seattle	59	50	.541	1½
Oakland	55	56	.495	6½
California	52	58	.473	9

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Colorado 7 Chicago 2; Montreal 11 Cincinnati 1; Pittsburgh 8 Philadelphia 3; St Louis 4 New York 3; Houston 5 San Francisco 1; Los Angeles 2 Atlanta 1; San Diego 2 Florida 1. Saturday: Philadelphia 7 Pittsburgh 6; Colorado 8 Chicago 2; Atlanta 5 Los Angeles 3 (16 innings); New York 5 St Louis 4; Montreal 6 Cincinnati 2; Houston 4 San Francisco 1; Florida 5 San Diego 2.

	W	L	Pct	GB
East division				
Atlanta	67	42	615	—
Montreal	60	49	550	7
New York	53	58	477	15
Florida	51	59	.464	16½
Philadelphia	45	65	409	22½
Central division				
Houston	59	52	.532	—
St Louis	58	52	527	½
Cincinnati	53	53	500	3½
Chicago	53	56	486	5
Pittsburgh	50	60	.455	8½
West division				
San Diego	59	53	527	—
Los Angeles	58	53	.523	½
Colorado	56	54	.509	2
San Francisco	46	62	426	11

BOWLS

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: Women's World championships: Third round: Pairs: Group one: Zimbabwe bt Holland 37-12; Namibia bt Spain 20-19; Ireland (P Nolan and M Johnston) bt Israel 28-12; Argentina bt Japan 31-10; Norfolk Island bt Zambia 25-11; Wales (A Dinton and R Jones) bt Papua New Guinea 24-15; Hong Kong bt Swaziland 28-18; South Africa bt Cook Islands 24-14. Group two: Western Samoa bt Singapore 26-09; India bt Kenya 23-15; Jersey (J Jones and S Syvret) bt Guernsey (J and A Simon) 17-15; Botswana bt Malaysia 25-9; New Zealand bt Canada 28-23; Australia bt USA 28-15; England bt Scotland 18-15. Triples: Group one: Canada bt Malaysia 28-11; Singapore bt Zambia 16-13; Scotland (M Letham, B Forsythe and S Gourley) bt Spain 17-12; Cook Islands bt Fiji 18-15; England (W Line, J Baker and M Price) bt USA 22-12; Namibia bt Kenya 18-16; South Africa bt Guernsey (J Maretel, J Nicholl and S Paul) 24-17. Group two: Botswana bt Western Samoa 37-7; Norfolk Island bt Papua New Guinea 18-16; New Zealand bt Japan 34-8; Argentina bt Holland 27-9; Hong Kong bt Wales (A Sutherland, J Wason and B Morgan) 18-12; Australia bt Israel 22-15; Jersey (S Noel, K Horman and D Stead) bt Ireland (P Mackle, H Taylor and C O'Gorman) 21-14.

ESSEX CHAMPIONSHIP: Finals: Singles: T Sodowski (Elm Pk) 18 N Robertson (Mersey Island) 21. Pairs: T Little and R Green (Chelmsford) 13 T Smith and J Stamper (Lonmede) 21. Triples: Wanstead Central (R Hudson) 20 West Essex (L Dordoy) 10. Fours: Connaught (J Wilson) 6 Crittall Silver End (A Pepple) 25.

KENT COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Finals: Singles: D Holmes (Sandwich) 21 G Haskins (Welcome) 17. Pairs: D Potter and C Taylor (Folkestone Pk) 13 P Doughty and G Brock (Blackheath and Greenwich) 20. Triples: Ash (J Castle) 8 Blackheath and Greenwich (T Beasley) 17. Fours: Blackheath and Greenwich (A Thomson) 22 Beckley Hospital (B Warren) 20. Unbadged singles: M Pooley (Hesketh Pk) 21 J Westwood (The Grove) 14. Two wood singles: C Burnham (Northfleet) 16 T Russell (Tonbridge) 14.

CRICKET

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Edgbaston: Warwickshire 240-9 (M J Powell 80), Northamptonshire 240-9 (K J Innes 66, M V Steele 53). Warwickshire won on faster scoring rate.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Lakenham: Norfolk 178 and 268-7 (S C Goldsmith 81); Cambridgeshire 179-3 and 112-8 (P G Newman 4-33). Match drawn.

CYCLING

TIME-TRIALS: RTTC National junior 25-mile championship (King's Lynn): 1, C Pritchard (Olympia Sport) 54min 37sec (course record); 2, N Rothwell (Taurus RT) 56:13; 3, A Curtis (Lewes Wanderers) 56:15. Team: Team Chiltern 2:57:11. Pennine CC (Dishforth, North Yorkshire, 50 miles): 1, G Butler (Norwood Paragon) 1:42:17 (course and event record); 2, A Wilkinson (Port Sunlight Wheelers) 1:43:14; 3, W Randle (Optimum Performance RT) 1:43:17. Team: Coventry Olympic 5:28:01. Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers (50 miles): 1, R Horner (Farsham Wheelers) 1:51:27; 2, E Deans (Bournemouth Jubilee) 1:52:22; 3, P Foxwell (Bournemouth Jubilee) 1:58:45. Team: Bournemouth Jubilee 5:50:52. Barnesbury CC (Seaton Burn, Tyne and Wear, 50 miles): 1, P Widsmith (Middridge CRT) 1:56:38; 2, G Coates (Cramlington CC) 2:02:12; 3, R Race (Tyneside Vagabonds) 2:04:28. Team: Tyneside Vagabonds 6:48:03. Macclesfield Wheelers (Siddington, Cheshire, 50 miles): 1, G Watts (Team Rapide) 1:57:19; 2, D Birch (Stourbridge CC) 1:57:57; 3, P Kinch (Global Racing) 1:59:50. Team: Macclesfield Wheelers 6.51.10. Bristol South CC (Thornbury, 30 miles): 1, A Cook (Chippenham and District Wheelers) 1:06:33; 2, D Russell (Mendip CC) 1:07:07; 3, S Marchant (South Eastern RC) 1:07:43. Team: Chippenham and District Wheelers 3:27:58. Hampshire RC (Emsworth, 30 miles): 1, S Wills (Eastbourne Rovers) 1:07:43; 2, D Munday (VC Venta) 1:07:44; 3, J Woodburn (Wessex VITTA) 1:08:32. Team: Eastbourne Rovers 3:30:15. Salisbury RC (Andover, 25 miles): 1, C Brooks (VC Camelot) 50:54; 2, M Hutchinson (Cambridge University CC) 52:52; 3, M Hodges (Crabwood CC) 54:39. Team: VC Camelot 2:49:37. Northern Velo (Knayton, North Yorkshire, 25 miles): 1, C Hawsby (Bradford Olympic) 51:48; 2, I Cammish (Velo Vento) 52:10; 3, M Holby (Cleveland Wheelers) 52:46. Team: Cleveland Wheelers 2:44:56. Warwickshire RC (Wythall, 25 miles): 1, S Dangerfield (Parker International RT) 53:09 (course and event record); 2, K Reynolds (CC Giro) 53:28; 3, W Moore (Leo RC) 56:08. Team: Warwickshire RC 2:57:36. Brighton Excelsior CC (25 miles): 1, S Elms (East Grinstead CC) 51:10; 2, N Baker (VC Deal) 56:51; 3, S Woodbridge (Brighton Excelsior) 56:55. Team: Brighton Excelsior 2:53:29. Halesowen RC (25 miles): 1, G Taylor (Leo RC) 54:55; 2, R Van Looy (Octagon VC) 55:28; 3, K Andrewartha (Metropolitan Police CC) 56.40. Team: Chelmer CC 2:57:42. Brough Wheelers Invitation (North Cave, near Hull, 10 miles): 1, R Prebble (Wembley RC) 19:03 (course record); 2, S Dangerfield (Parker International RT) 19:05; 3, P Manning (North Wirral Velo) 19:11. Team: North Wirral Velo 58:37. CC Cardiff (Rogerstone, 10 miles): 1, R Bradley (Venom CRT) 20:19 (course and event record); 2, A Owen (CC Abergavenny) 20:28; 3, M Biggs (Venom CRT) 20:29. Team: Cwmcarn Paragon 1:05:32. ABC Centreville (Chelford, Cheshire, 10 miles): 1, S Hulme (Freetown-Pace) 21:17; 2, P Whittall (VC Halton) 21:40; 3, W Moore (Leo RC) 21:50. Team: Stratford Wheelers 1:09:52. Dunfermline and District CC (10 miles): 1, G Hutchison (Dunfermline and Dist CC) 22:10; 2, C Rise (Shetland Wheelers) 22:18; 3, B Bloff (Dundee Thistle) 23:02. Exeter Wheelers (100 miles): 1, A Lyons (Plymouth Corinthian) 4:09:00; 2, M Potter (Weston Wheelers) 4:15:56; 3, C O'Neil (Camel Valley CC) 4:20:38. Team: Camel Valley CC 15:01:48. East Liverpool Wheelers (50 miles): 1, N Giles (Radford Accountants) 1:53:09; 2, R Lewis (Birkenhead Victoria CC) 1:53:44; 3, W Young (Taurus RT) 1:58:05. Team: Birkenhead North End CC 8 14 03.

ROAD RACES: Tour of the Cotswolds (BCF Premier Calendar, Gloucester, 119 miles): 1, M McKay (Team Ambrosia) 4:59:08; 2, P Curran (Optimum Performance RT) at 1sec; 3, C Langley (Team Energy) at 48sec. Hereford Wheelers (85 miles): 1, S Higgins (CC Giro) 3:44:35; 2, D State (Leicester University CC); 3, P Mason (Wrekinsport CC) all same time. Woodvale Rally (Southport, 20 miles): 1, D Williams (Team Ambrosia) 38:22; 2, A Tinsley (New Brighton CC) at 20sec; 3, M Bell (unatt) same time. Knaresborough RT (Sawley, North Yorkshire, 30 miles): 1, P Coggins (Brough Wheelers) 1:25:50; 2, A Jordan (Brough Wheelers) at 1:00; 3, J Adams (Brough Wheelers) at 2:35.

DARTS

BLACKPOOL: World matchplay championship: Semi-finals: P Evison (Eng) bt J Harvey (Scot) 13-8; D Priestley (Eng) bt B Anderson (Eng) 13-11. Third place play-off: Anderson bt Harvey 11-10. Final: Evison bt Priestly 16-14.

MOTORCYCLING

BRANDS HATCH: Superbike World Championship: Seventh round: First leg (25 laps, 65 miles): 1, P F Chili (It, Ducati 916) 37min 05.894sec (105.13mph); 2, A Gobert (Aus, Kawasaki ZX 7RR) 37:07.881; 3, J Kocinski (US, Ducati 916) 37:07.757; 4, C Edwards (US, Yamaha YZF 750) 37:14.314; 5, C Fogarty (GB, Honda RC 45) 37:15.256; 6, A Slight (NZ, Honda RC 45) 37:20.816. Fastest lap: Kocinski 1:28.022. International TT Production Challenge (18 laps, 46 miles): 1, J Moodie (GB, Suzuki GSXR 750) 28:39.507; 2, T Cuddy (GB, Honda Fireblade) 28:41.498; 3, D Jefferies (GB, Honda Fireblade) 28:45.885; 4, M Edwards (GB, Honda CBR 900) 28:47.723; 5, J Crawford (GB, Suzuki GSXR 750) at one lap behind; 6, D Heal (GB, Honda CBR 900) one. Fastest lap: Cuddy 1:34.571.

ZELTWEG: Austrian Grand Prix: 500cc (28 laps, 120.932 km): 1, A Criville (Sp, Honda) 42min 37.024sec; 2, M Doohan (Aus, Honda) 42:37.324; 3, N Abe (Japan, Yamaha) 42:41.588; 4, L Cadalora (It, Honda) 42:56.494; 5, A Barros (Br, Honda) 42:57.980; 6, S Russel (US, Suzuki) 42:58.082. Fastest lap: Criville 1:30.112 (172.545 kph). Leading world championship positions: 1, Doohan 211pts; 2, Criville 154; 3, Cadalora 126; 4, Barros 111; 5, Abe 110; 6, Russell 96. 250cc (26 laps, 112.294 kms): 1, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 41:29.190; 2, L D'Antin (Sp, Honda) 41:45.584; 3, J Fuchs (Ger, Honda) 41:50.330; 4, T Ukawa (Japan, Honda) 41:52.169; 5, J P Ruggia (Fr, Honda) 41:58.995; 6, N Aoki (Japan, Honda) 42:06.902. Fastest lap: Waldmann 1:34.866. Leading world championship positions: 1, M Biaggi (It, Aprilia) 199pts; 2, Waldmann 171; 3, Fuchs 112; 4, D Antin 100; 5, T Harada (Japan, Yamaha) 92. 125cc (24 laps, 103.656 kms): 1, I Goi (It, Honda) 41:50.829; 2, D Raudies (Ger, Honda) 41:51.596; 3, V Rossi (It, Aprilia) 41:53.151; 4, M Tokudome (Japan, Aprilia) 41:53.568; 5, P Oettl (Ger, Aprilia) 41:55.170; 6, J Martinez (Sp, Aprilia) 41:55.739. Fastest lap: Raudies 1:42.002. Leading world championship positions: 1, H Aoki (Japan, Honda) 154pts; 2, Tokudome 133; 3, S Perugini (It, Aprilia) 119; 4, Manako 109; 5, N Ueda (Japan, Honda) 98.

MOTOR RALLYING

BELFAST: Ulster rally: Final positions (17th stage): 1, B Fisher (N Ire, Suburu Impreza) 2hrs 41min 17sec; 2, R Head (GB, Renault Maxi Megane) 2:44:09; 3, G Evans (GB, Ford Escort RS2000) 2:47:28; 4, K McKinstry (N Ire, Ford Escort RS2000) 2:51:03; 5, T Cathers (N Ire, Suburu Impreza WRx) 2:51:57.

REAL TENNIS

VICTORIA, Australia: Ballarat Silver Racquet championship: Semi-finals: F Filippelli (Aus) bt M Gooding (GB) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; J Snow (GB) bt M Devine (Aus) 6-5, 4-6, 6-3, 4-6, 5-2 (Devine retired injured).

ROWING

AMSTERDAM: Eight-nation Coupe de la Jeunesse: Junior Men: 1, Great Britain 138pts pts; 2, France 114; 3, Italy 107; 4, Ireland 97; 5, Switzerland 80; 6, Holland 71; 7, Belgium 60; 8, Portugal 51. Junior Women: 1, France 106pts; 2, Ireland and Switzerland equal 76; 2, Great Britain 70; 3, Italy 57; 3, Holland 42; 4, Belgium 36; 5, Portugal 13. Overall: 1, France 220pts; 2, Great Britain 208; 3, Ireland 173; 4, Italy 164; 5, Switzerland 156; 5, Holland 113; 6, Belgium 96; 7, Portugal 64.

SAILING

ISLE OF WIGHT: Scandia Life Cowes Week: Royal Southampton yachting club: Saturday: Maxi (Queens Cup): 1, Longobarda (M Slade); 2, Nicorette (L Ingvall); 3, Grand Mistral (S Bovodin). CHS Class one: 1, Silk 2 (J Waller); 2, Wolf (G Williams); 3, Alice (S Henning). CHS Class two: 1, M Sally (J McWilliams); 2, Victric 3 (A de Mulder); 3, Mean Machine (P de Ridder). Melges 24: 1, Arcasta (C Little); 2, Get Yer Rocks Off (A Evans); 3, Snickers (D Clark). Yesterday: First Class Sports Boats: 1, Big Trousers (N Griffith); 2, Ballistic (K Hancock); 3, Premier Cru (T Richardson). Melges: 1, Row Hyde (M Lennon); 2, Ale All Reiter (Z Giorgio); 3, Glenfiddich I (N Tait). Etchells: 1, Yes (A Gosling); 2, Number Six (M Sparks); 3, Swedish Blue (A Razmilopic). X 99: 1, Exist (H Van Dalen); 2, Expression (R Engelbracht); 3, Reflex (P Blake). Daring: 1, Darius (T Parr); 2, Dauntless (G Peckham); 3, Audax (P Romer-Lee). Dragon: 1, Ruyyn (R Perkins); 2, Flame Agen (D Hall); 3, Jerboa III (P Dyas). Sonata: 1, Sonic (M Jaffe); 2, Pizzicheo (Dr T and J White); 3, Rondo (B Sharp). J 24: 1, Fruitcakes (J Bullock); 2, The Kanembe Connection (C Kearns); 3, Jeepers (P Owen). Redwing: 1, Lady Laetitia (W Clegg); 2, Skua (R Morrison); 3, Salen (T Montagu-Scott). Sunbeam: 1, Polly (G Money); 2, Jenny (A Stannah); 3, Centre Baby (M Williamson). Swallow: 1, Peregrine (S Dolan); 2, Archon (J Vernon); 3, Harrier (J Tagg). Flying 15: 1, Mr Toad (P Rudling); 2, Comfortably Numb (N Kidd); 3, Cruella (J Hill). Maxi: 1, Nicorette (Ingvall); 2, Grand Mistral (B Bovodin); 3, Longobarda (M Slade). CHS Class one: 1, Silk 2 (J Waller); 2, Arbitrator (S Bailey); 3, Wolf (G Williams). CHS Class two: 1, Pointe North (D Walter); 2, Mustang Sally (J McWilliam); 3, Seen Leaving (R Steward). CHS Class three: 1, Billy Mac Whizz (R Cameron-Davies); 2, Circuiteer (M Peling); 3, Shoot The Bar (C Mills). CHS Class four: 1, Owl (P Bruce); 2, Ace (J Layfield); 3, Wave Plane (M Brown). CHS Class five: 1, Addict (I Handley); 2, Leila (N Harley); 3, Leada (D Brown and F Bergmann). CHS class six: 1, Vampire (D Moore); 2, Shallot (M Moody); 3, Non Plus (A Wilkins). Sigma 38: 1, Highlander (G Logan); 2, Arbitrator (D Kennedy); 3, Pavlova III (G Walker). Sigma 33: 1, Sigmatic II (D Bonner); 2, Stickleback (J Godfrey); 3, Firestorm (J Perry). Sunfast 36: 1, Sunsail Papa (P Fuller); 2, Sunsail Sierra (C Vaughan); 3, Sunsail Echo (D Mossman). Mermaid: 1, Miranda (B Few-Brown); 2, Rosemary (N Dobbs); 3, Sheen (G Prest). Contessa 32: 1, Red Apple (M Jaffe); 2, Sunmaid IV (A Penfold); 3, Marek II (N Bradley). Squib: 1, Satu (D Hewitt); 2, Thrifty (P Dixon); 3, Kewdeetoo (M Barsby). XOD: 1, Oyster (G Palmer); 2, Red Coral (P Barnes); 3, Leading Wind (J Sanity). Victory: 1, Woozle (N Sefton-Smith); 2, Steadfast (B Middleditch); 3, Ripple (H Evans). Hunter 707: 1, Spike (K Vasey); 2, Bogo Pogo (D Knight); 3, Touchdown (R Holbrook).

WEST HIGHLAND YACHTING WEEK: Class 1: Joynda (L Samuel). Class 2: Vigil (A Harvey). Class 3: Pepsi (A Milton). Class 4: Moonshine IV (J and P Fowler). Class 5: Revolver (R Parry). Class 6: Kelana of Clynder (H Arbuthnott). Class 7: Aspect (A Miller). Class 8: Sambucca (S MacIntyre). Class 9: Crunluath (P Marshall).

TENNIS

LOS ANGELES: Men's ATP open tournament: Semi-finals: M Chang (US) bt S Edberg (Swe) 6-3, 6-2; R Krajicek (Holl) bt S Stolle (Aus) 6-3, 6-1.

AMSTERDAM: Men's Dutch Open: Semi-finals: F Clavet (Sp) bt A Voinea (Rom) 6-3, 6-4; Y El Aynaoui (Mor) bt D van Scheppingen (Hol) 6-3, 6-7, 6-2. Final: Clavet bt Aynaoui 7-5, 6-1, 6-4.

FOOTBALL

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup

First round

ALBION (1) 4 ARBROATH (0) 0
McGuire 20 (pen), 79 (pen), 82 (pen), McKenzie 87 — 343
Sent off: D McVicar (Arbroath) 80

AYR (1) 5 LIVINGSTON (1) 2
Kerrigan 17, 52, English 57, 60, Hood 70 — Young 15, Callaghan 86 — 1,634
Sent off: S Campbell (Livingston) 42

BRECHIN (3) 3 MONTROSE (0) 0
Feroz 15, 39, Kerrigan 44 — 460

CLYDE (0) 1 INVERNESS T (0) 0
Annand 96 — 852
(aet; 0-0 after 90 min)

COWDNBTH (0) 1 FORFAR (1) 2
Sinclair 86 — Inglis 7, Higgins 99 — 311
(aet; 1-1 after 90 min)
Sent off: G Wood (Cowdnbth) 89

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 ALLOA (1) 3
Ramsay 27 — McAvoy 29, Irvine 92, Dwyer 95 — 437
(aet; 1-1 after 90 min)

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 3 ROSS CO (0) 1
Maxwell 83, Falconer 96, McGoldrick 117 — Adams 55 — 638
(aet; 1-1 after 90 min)

STRANRAER (1) 2 QUEEN OF STH (0) 0
Young 13, Sloan 70 — 620

SECOND-ROUND DRAW: Partick v Forfar; Queen's Park v Aberdeen; Greenock Morton v Hamilton; Airdrie v Raith; St Mirren v Berwick; East Fife v St Johnstone; Dundee v Dumbarton; Stranraer v Dunfermline; Kilmarnock v Ayr; Stirling v Dundee Utd; Motherwell v Alloa; Clyde v Celtic; Falkirk v Albion; Brechin v Hibernian; Hearts v Stenhousemuir; Clydebank v Rangers.

☐ Ties will be played on August 13 and 14.

Umbro Cup International tournament

Saturday

CHELSEA (0) 0 NOTTM FOREST (0) 0
27,427
(Chelsea win 4-3 on pens)

MAN UTD (0) 1 AJAX (1) 2
McClair 76 — F de Boer 35, Musampa 86 — 27,427

Yesterday

Third place play-off

MAN UTD (0) 3 NOTTM FOREST (1) 1
Beckham 80, McClair 83, Neville 88 — Campbell 20 — 21,760

Final

CHELSEA (2) 2 AJAX (0) 0
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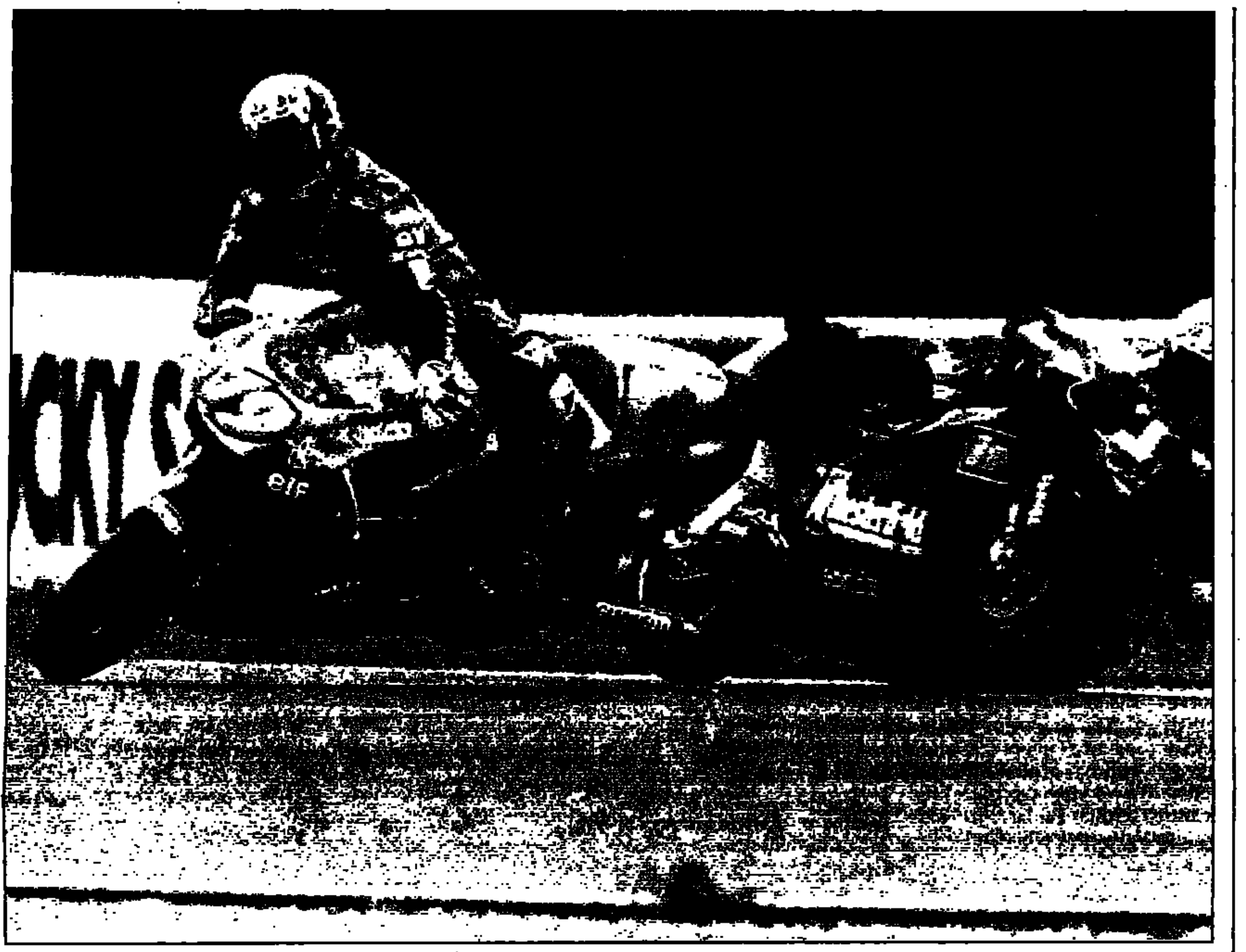
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Saturday: Billericay 1 Cambridge United 4; Bromsgrove 1 Walsall 3; Cardiff 1 Wolverhampton Wanderers 5; Celtic 2 Sporting Lisbon 2; Gateshead 0 Carlisle 2; Gloucester City 1 Wimbledon 1; Hitchin 1 West Ham United 1; Hyde 1 Bury 1; Larne 1 Darlington 4; Leyton Orient 0 Queens Park Rangers 1; Rushden and Diamonds 1 Oxford United 2; St Albans 3 Luton 2; Stevenage 1 Arsenal 1; Swansea 1 Bristol City 1; Woking 0 Wycombe 0; Worksop 4 Scarborough 3; York 0 Bolton 2; Carshalton 1 Tottenham Hotspur XI 4; Holywell 1 Chester 1; Leek 1 Tranmere 0; Kilmarnock 4 Millwall 2; Stockport 4 Birmingham 0; Harrogate Town 0 Hull 3. Yesterday: Dundalk 0 Liverpool 1.

HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Brora 0 Rothes 1; Cove 8 Fort William 0; Deveronvale 1 Lossiemouth 5; Elgin 2 Peterhead 2; Huntly 4 Clachnacuddin 0; Keith 3 Forres Mechanics 2; Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 2; Wick Academy 0 Fraserburgh 1.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Lommel 0 Mouscron 2; Standard Liege 2 Sint-Truiden 0; Molenbeek 0 Lierse 0; Ekeren 1 Ghent 2; Charleroi 3 Antwerp 0; Mechelen 0 Cercle Brugge 0; Lokeren 1 Genk 0; Aalst 0 Anderlecht 0; Club Brugge 1 Harelbeke 0.



Oliver Jacques, left, of France, and Max Biaggi, of Italy, the world champion, collide in the 250cc class of the Austrian motorcycling grand prix. The race was won by Ralf Waldmann, of Germany, riding a Honda. *Photograph: AFP*

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League

Yesterday

Halifax 56 Paris 10
Halifax Blue Sox: Tries: Bentley 2, Moana 2, Munro 2, Rowley 2, Tuilagi, Umaga. Goals: Schuster 8. Paris Saint-Germain: Tries: Griffiths, Vergniol. Goal: Chamorin. Att: 4,819

Leeds 18 Bradford 56
Leeds: Tries: Handley 2, Hughes 2. Goal: Tupulotu. Bradford Bulls: Tries: Cook, Loughlin 2, Lowes, McDermott, Medley, Nickle, Paul 3. Goals: Cook 2, McNamara 6. Att: 10,505

London 20 Warrington 13
London Broncos: Tries: Barwick, McRae, Pitt. Goals: Barwick 4. Warrington: Tries: Mafi, Roper. Goals: Knott 2. Dropped goal: Shelford. Att: 6,000.

Saturday

Sheffield 12 Wigan 54
Sheffield Eagles: Tries: Garcia, Lawless. Goals: Aston 2. Wigan: Tries: Connolly, Edwards, Ellison, Hall, Haughton, Murdock, Paul 2, Robinson. Goals: Farrell 9. Att: 5,103.
(at Bramall Lane)

Friday's late result

Castleford 16 St Helens 20
Castleford Tigers: Tries: J Flowers, T Smith. Goals: Botica 4. St Helens: Tries: Martyn, Newlove, Sullivan 2. Goals: Goulding 2. Att: 6,143.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	19	17	0	2	784	427	34
Wigan	19	16	1	2	722	295	33
Bradford	19	15	0	4	686	354	30
London	19	10	1	8	520	414	21
Warrington	19	10	0	9	475	451	20
Sheffield	19	9	0	10	530	600	18
Halifax	19	8	1	10	548	484	17
Castleford	19	8	0	11	502	487	16
Oldham	18	7	1	10	371	568	15
Leeds	19	5	0	14	449	585	10
Paris	19	3	1	15	354	714	7
Workington	18	2	1	15	255	817	5

First division

Dewsbury 8 Salford 46
Dewsbury: Try: Delaney. Goal: Eaton. Salford Reds: Tries: Burgess, Edwards 2, Martin, Naylor, Randall 2, Rogers. Goals: Blakeley 4, Sini 3. Att: 1,303.

Keighley 46 Wakefield 14
Keighley Cougars: Tries: Cantillon, King 4, Race, Whakarau 2, Wood. Goals: Dixon 5. Wakefield: Tries: Ford, Powell, Wilson. Goal: Davis. Att: 4,789.

Rochdale 40 Hull 58
Rochdale: Tries: Durrant, Edwards, Flanagan 2, Morrison, Pitt. Goals: Pachniuk 8. Hull: Tries: Craven, Divorty, Fisher, Kitching, Liddiard 4, Moltati, Vaikona. Goals: Hewitt 9. Att: 1,126.

Widnes 46 Batley 20
Widnes: Tries: Broadbent, Cooper 2, Gartland, Kendrick, P Smith, Pechey, Tyrer. Goals: Tyrer 7. Batley Bulldogs: Tries: Child, Kutti, Moxon. Goals: Holmes 2, Parkinson 2. Att: 1,583.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salford	*17*	*16*	*0*	*1*	*842*	*259*	*32*
Keighley	17	12	2	3	450	286	26
Featherstone	17	11	2	4	509	301	24
Hull	17	12	0	5	485	347	24
Huddersfield	17	10	0	7	461	270	20
Widnes	17	9	0	8	379	352	18
Wakefield	17	7	1	9	379	409	15
Dewsbury	17	5	1	11	227	504	11
Whitehaven	17	4	1	12	260	448	9
Rochdale	18	2	1	15	324	566	5
Batley	17	1	2	14	190	564	4

Second division

Yesterday

Carlisle 12 Swinton 32
Carlisle: Tries: G Ruddy, Nable. Goals: Richardson 2. Swinton Lions: Tries: Holliday 2, Liava'a, Riley. Goals: Pearce 8. Att: 740

Doncaster 21 Hunslet 46
Doncaster Dragons: Tries: Busby, Chappell, Picksley. Goals: Chappell 4. Dropped goal: Chappell. Hunslet Hawks: Tries: Brook, Close, Coyle, Irwin 2, Plange 3. Goals: Wilson 7. Att: 752

Leigh 32 Chorley 26
Leigh Centurions: Tries: Ingram 2, Velvoso 3. Goals: Purtill 6. Chorley Magpies: Tries: Allday, Finney, L Smith, Wareing. Goals: Allday 2, Francis 3. Att: 1,038

Prescot 26 Bramley 28
Prescot Panthers: Tries: Ledger 2, Scholes, Wade. Goals: Fanning 4. Dropped goals: Callaghan 2. Bramley: Tries: Brown, McKie 2, Pickles 2. Goals: Creasser 4. Att: 305

Friday's late result

Barrow 10 Hull K R 18
Barrow: Try: Burns. Goals: Atkinson 3. Hull Kingston Rovers: Tries: D'Arcy, Rouse, Wilson. Goals: M Fletcher 3. Att: 601.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull K R	19	18	0	1	894	256	36
Swinton	19	16	0	3	659	267	32
Hunslet	19	16	0	3	650	288	32
Carlisle	19	12	0	7	578	385	24
South Wales	18	10	0	8	465	434	20
Doncaster	19	10	0	9	434	501	20
Leigh	19	9	0	10	527	416	18
York	18	7	0	11	352	521	14
Bramley	19	5	0	14	311	688	10
Barrow	19	4	0	15	300	570	8
Chorley	19	4	0	15	297	685	8
Prescot	19	2	0	17	265	721	4

LEADING SCORERS

	Tries	Goals	DG	Pts
B Goulding (St Helens)	5	130	3	283
M Fletcher (Hull K R)	4	132	0	280
W Richardson (Carlisle)	10	93	0	226
S Blakeley (Salford)	10	92	0	224
M Pearson (Featherstone)	15	74	0	208
S Wilson (Hunslet)	7	84	1	197
G Holroyd (Leeds)	12	71	4	194
J Schuster (Halifax)	7	82	1	193

(Not including yesterday's matches)

Australian premiership

W Suburbs	24	Canberra	16
North Sydney	30	Sydney Tigers	6
St George	22	Gold Coast	10
Auckland	52	North Queensland	6
Brisbane	50	Penrith	20
Canterbury	26	South Sydney	4
Illawarra	34	Newcastle	22
Western Reds	18	S Queensland	16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manly	17	15	0	2	417	139	30
Sydney City	18	13	1	4	453	255	27
Brisbane	18	13	0	5	475	223	26
North Sydney	18	12	2	4	448	280	26
Cronulla	17	10	2	5	307	209	22
Auckland	18	11	0	7	378	304	22
St George	18	10	1	7	340	306	21
W Suburbs	18	10	1	7	341	326	21
Canberra	18	9	1	8	406	346	19
Newcastle	18	9	1	8	348	316	19
Parramatta	18	9	1	8	338	323	19
Sydney Tigers	18	9	0	9	267	389	18
Sydney B	18	7	0	11	262	306	14
Illawarra	18	6	0	12	318	400	12
Penrith	18	5	1	12	309	348	11
Gold Coast	18	5	1	12	313	393	11
Western Reds	18	5	1	12	237	348	11
South Sydney	*18*	*5*	*1*	*12*	*272*	*490*	*11*
S Queensland	18	4	0	14	180	406	8
N Queensland	18	4	0	14	227	537	8

RUGBY UNION

International match

South Africa 25 Australia 19
South Africa: Try: Stransky. Con: Stransky. Pens: Stransky 6. Australia: Try: Tune. Con: Eales. Pens: Burke, Eales 3
(in Bloemfontein)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	3	3	0	0	90	42	13
Australia	4	1	0	3	71	116	6
South Africa	3	1	0	2	52	55	6

GOLF

MICHIGAN: Buick Open: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 198: J Leonard 65, 64, 69. 199: B Tway 68, 66, 65. 201: D Stockton Jr 69, 66, 66; R Fehr 64, 67, 70. 202: J Williamson 67, 69, 66; J Sluman 66, 67, 69. 204: J Gullion 70, 70, 64; R Cochran 70, 66, 68; C Beck 69, 65, 70; W Levi 68, 65, 71; A Doyle 69, 65, 70; J Carter 65, 67, 72. 205: W Austin 72, 65, 68. 206: F Funk 68, 72, 66; O Browne 70, 69, 67; M McCumber 72, 67, 67; B Flesher 71, 67, 68; M Dawson 69, 69, 68. 207: D Ogrin 70, 71, 66; T Kite 71, 70, 66; P Blackmar 68, 72, 67; M Reid 72, 68, 67; P Jordan 70, 70, 67; B Fabel 73, 67, 67; D Forsman 69, 70, 68; M Standly 71, 68, 68; D Martin 70, 67, 70. Other scores: 208: S Appleby (Aus) 71, 68, 69; E Els (SA) 66, 70, 72. 211: C Parry (Aus) 69, 72, 70; S Rintoul (Aus) 68, 72, 71. 212: W Grady (Aus) 71, 71, 70. 213: L Parsons (Aus) 70, 72, 71; T Nakajima (Japan) 72, 70, 71. 215: W Westner (SA) 74, 68, 73; J Ozaki (Japan) 70, 72, 73. 217: S Elkington (Aus) 72, 70, 75.

FIXBY, Huddersfield: Lawrence Batley Seniors: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated). 209: M Gregson 69, 75, 65. 211: N Coles 73, 70, 68; A Croce (It) 73, 69, 69. 212: M Bembridge 71, 73, 68. 213: D Creamer 73, 71, 69; P Leonard 72, 71, 70; T Britz (SA) 70, 71, 72; T Horton 71, 69, 73; A Garrido (Sp) 72, 72, 69. 214: D Simon (US) 74, 69, 71; H Flatman 71, 75, 68. 215: T Gale (Aus) 76, 67, 72; J Morgan 72, 73, 70. 216: D Dalziel (US) 72, 74, 70; N Ratcliffe (Aus) 73, 73, 70; C Evans (US) 75, 66, 75.

HOLLINWELL: English amateur championship: Semi-finals: D Lucas (Worksop) bt I Richardson (Burghley Pk) 4 and 2; S Webster (Ifield) bt C Richardson (Burghley Pk) 3 and 2. Final (36 holes): Webster bt Lucas 6 and 4.

DUNBAR: J & B Scottish amateur championship: Final: M Brooks (Carluke) bt A Turnbull (Innerleithen) 7 and 6.

ASHBURNHAM: Welsh amateur championship: Final: Y Taylor (Brynhill) bt D H Park (Burghill V) 3 and 2.

EDMONTON, Alberta: LPGA Du Maurier Classic: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 206: M Mallon 72, 65, 69. 207: K Webb (Aus) 65, 68, 74; P Hurst 69, 70, 68. 208: N Lopez 68, 71, 69. 209: R Jones 70, 71, 68. 210: D Dormann 69, 70, 71; L Neumann (Swe) 69, 74, 67; A Sorenstam (Swe) 71, 70, 69; K Postlewait 72, 68, 70. 211: L Davies (Eng) 71, 70, 70; N Bowen 70, 72, 69; J Pitcock 73, 67, 71. 212: S Steinhauer 73, 68, 71; A Fruhwirth 70, 71, 71; V Skinner 71, 72, 69. 213: M Figueras-Dotti (Sp) 70, 71, 72; M Estill 75, 69, 69; B Mucha 68, 74, 71; J Inkster 73, 72, 68; E Klein 71, 73, 69. Other scores: 214: W Doolan (Aus) 70, 72, 72; C Greatex (Can) 74, 69, 71; M McNamara 69, 74, 71; J Stephenson (Aus) 73, 71, 70. 215: K Marshall (Scot) 69, 72, 74. 216: J Crafter (Aus) 71, 70, 75; C Matthew (Scot) 71, 70, 75; S Strudwick (Eng). 219: J Lidback (Peru) 73, 72, 74. 220: C Nilsmark (Swe) 71, 75, 74. 222: A Dibos (Peru) 72, 72, 78. 223: C Pierce (Eng) 71, 75, 77.

CLUB CRICKET

A P S TWO COUNTIES LEAGUE: Dunmow 186-9, Maldon 187-0; Mildenhall 162-6, Braintree 15-9; O. Ipswichians 83, Halstead 85-7; Sudbury 222-7, Abberton 154.

BERKSHIRE LEAGUE: Frimley 188-1, Pinkneys Green 185; Goring 208-8, West Ilsley 210-5; Farley Hill 126-9, Sandhurst 127-5; Woodley 128, Sonning 129-3; Yateley 110, Wargrave 111-2.

BOLTON LEAGUE: Bradshaw 189-8, Walkden 191-4; Astley Bridge 210-8, Eagley 155-7; Westhoughton 245-8, Farnworth S C 190-5; Tonge 148, Greenmount 140; Heaton 250-7, Egerton 201-9; Farnworth 187-7, Horwich 183-8; Kearsley 152, Little Lever 154-4.

BRYAN HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Letchworth 216-5, Berkhamstead 217-2; Langleybury 146, Welwyn Garden City 147-3; Luton Town 178-6, Bishop'S Stortford 179-8; Hoddesdon 205, Watford Town 171, Cheshunt 273-7, North Mymms 114, Stevenage 257-7, Hitchin 153-9; Radlett 202, Potters Bar 182-8; St Albans 190-8, Hertford 156; Sawbridgeworth 237-8, Hemel Hempstead 238-5; Barnet 231-7, West Herts 196-9.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Old Almondburians 152, Dewsbury Moorlands 155-8; Holmbridge 186-7, Dodworth 58; Tiestone 73-4, Cawthorne 72; Flockton 122-2, Penistone Sports 121-8; Clayton West 224, Cartworth Moor 145-9; Calder Grove 140, Thurstonland 148-7; Dewsbury Moorlands 133-9, YMCA 170; Crossbank Methodists 244-8, Crigglestone 113-7; Bradley and Colne 113-4, Denby 112; Edgerton 156, Holmbridge 51; Dodworth 136-7, Cumberworth 133-8.

DERBYSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY LEAGUE: Langley Mill 243-9, Denby 103-8; Ilkeston 165, Wirksworth 134-9; Ockbrook 263-2, Morton 223-5, Quarndon 151-9, Sawley 154-5; A and B 254-5, Spondon 141-6; Stainsby Hall 234-8, West Hallam 237-3.

DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE: Hall Bower 84, Broad Oak 125; Holmfirth 218-5, Elland 302-5; Marsden 284-8, Lascelles Hall 266-9; Kirkheaton 206-4, Meltham 149-9; Kirkburton 167, Scholes 180-8; Shepley 188-4, Skelmanthorpe 118-9; Slaithwaite 135, Thongsbridge 202-4; Kexborough 126-3, Golcar 125; Halifax 272-5, Huddersfield and Lockwood 166-6; Paddock 132-9, Linthwaite 133-9; Almondbury 193, Penistone 185; Honley 116-3, Primrose Hill 114-7; Armitage Bridge 218-7, Rastrick 215-3.

EVE SURREY CHAMPIONSHIP: Ashford 250-4, Malden Wanderers 210-6; Wimbledon 177, Bank Of England 178-8; Shepperton 135, Cheam 135-9; Esher 200-9, Maori 94; Dulwich 177, Guildford 181-2; Farnham 206-6, Honor Oak 182-9; Metropolitan Police 268-3, Walton-On-Thames 209-8; Mitcham 216-5, Banstead 191-9; Weybridge 217-6, Spencer 194-9; Sunbury 224, Reigate Priory 222-8; Sutton 143, Limpsfield 145-3.

KOOKABURRA SOUTH THAMES LEAGUE: Orpington 169-8, Beckenham 172-6; Bexley 227-5, Old Colfs 163; Cusco 203-4, Lloyds 133-8; Holmesdale 178, Dartford 180-2; Gravesend 195-8, Hayes 163-8; Hartley 174-9, Tunbridge Wells 178-8, Sidcup 141, Racs 142-2.

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Cheetham Hill 140, Dukinfield 142-8; Denton 231-6, Denton West 185; Woodbank 222-3, Glossop 89; Sale Moor 190-8, Irlam 116; Longsight 190-9, Thornham 189-8; Prestwich 181-5, Denton St.Law 185-5; Roe Green 178-6, Woodhouses 179-8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Winchmore Hill 225-7, Brentham 121; Hampstead 197-9, Brondesbury 201; Hornsey 202, Finchley 181-9; Nth Middlesex 115, Richmond 116-1; Southgate 158-9, Shepherds Bush 175; Wembley 249-5, Sth Hampstead 191-9; Stanmore 202-7, Ealing 201-6; Enfield 179-9, Uxbridge 181-4.

MORRANT THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE: Basingstoke 242-4, Wokingham 232-7; Eastcote 124, Finchampstead 125-1; Cove 249-1, Beaconsfield 179-6; Ickenham 190, Tring Park 193-8; Kidmore End 222-9, Hayes 223-4; Chesham 186-3, Maidenhead and B 183; Harefield 272-7, O M T 204-7; Reading 265-7, Boyne Hill 207-6; Marlow 122, Slough 99; High Wycombe 225-2, Bessborough 181.

NORWICH UNION NORFOLK ALLIANCE LEAGUE: Ingham 238-6, Downham 157; North Barleycorns 215-6, North Wanderers 148-9; Vauxhall Mallards 120, Swardeston 123-4; North Runcton 166, Cromer 107; Horsford 211-1, O.Buckenham 210-4.

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Baxenden 130-8, Blackburn N 100; Cherry Tree 204-6, Read 205-4; Great Harwood 253-5, Whalley 117; Earby 139, Ribblesdale W. 42; Clitheroe 197-9, Settle 195-8.

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE: Whitehaven 73, Barrow 75-2; Millom 190-7, Cleator 124; Carnforth 148-6, Furness 150-1, Haverigg 173-9, Dalton 114-7; Lindal 170, Vickers S C 173-6; Ulverston 194-8, Penrith 195-1; Vickerstown 132, Carlisle 134-1, Workington 207-8, Askam 164-5.

WOOLWICH KENT LEAGUE: Bromley 193-7, Chestfield 194-7; Dartford 231-6, Blackheath 172-6; Dover 231, Gravesend 235-2; Gore Court 223-6, Ashford 200-8; Hayes 177, Beckenham 170-8; Bexley 205-5, Midland Bank 128; Holmesdale 183-7, Sevenoaks Vine 184-2; The Mote 222-6, Folkestone 169-9.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Barnsley 84, York 85-2; Cleethorpes 141, Rotherham 142-0

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, final day of four, 104 overs minimum
CANTERBURY: Kent v Worcestershire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
WORKSOP: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan

Tetleys Challenge Series
11.0, final day of three
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Pakistanis

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire; Seaton Carew: Durham v Lancashire; Pontypridd: Glamorgan v Essex; Bournemouth SC: Hampshire v Sussex; Harrow CC: Middlesex v Kent; Notingham High School: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire; The Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire; Studley: Warwickshire v Somerset; Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Carlisle v Stoke (7.45); Chertsey v Barnet; Derry Institute v Darlington (7.0); Dover v Southend (7.45); Enfield v Tottenham; Stevenage v Brentford; Cambridge United v Charlton (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championship (Leamington Spa).
RACING: Brighton (5.55); Carlisle (6.10); Newton Abbot (2.15); Ripon (2.30).
SAILING: Skandia Life Cowes week.
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Exeter v Peterborough (7.30); Reading v Hull (7.30); Wolverhampton v Coventry. Conference League: Fours: Ryde (IoW) v Eastbourne v Sittingbourne v Swindon (7.0)

TOMORROW

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH (one day): Chelmsford: Essex v South Africa A.

RUGBY LEAGUE

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Scotland v Ireland (at Partick Thistle, 7.30)

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Preliminary round, first leg: Budapest Vasutas FC v Barry (5.30), FC Kosice v Celtic (4.0); Zhalgiris Vilnius v Aberdeen (4.30).
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Bristol City v Bristol Rovers (7.45); Bromsgrove v Hereford (7.45); Fulham v Queens Park Rangers (7.45); Gretna v Carlisle (7.0); Inter Cardiff v Cardiff; Millwall v Liverpool (7.45); Rotherham v Bolton (7.45); Rushden and Diamonds v Arsenal (7.45); Scunthorpe v Barnsley; Watford v Oxford United (7.45). Wolverhampton v Hamburg (7.45), Wycombe v Southampton (7.45); Leek v Crewe.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championship (at Leamington Spa)
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Dublin horse show (at Ballsbridge)
RACING: Brighton (2.0); Catterick (2.15).
ROWING: World championships (at Strathclyde)
SAILING: Skandia Life Cowes week.

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Qualifying round, first leg: Rangers v Spartak Vladikavkaz (8.0).
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Altrincham v Manchester United XI, Barnet v Crystal Palace (7.45), Huddersfield v Leeds (7.45); Kettering v Leicester (7.45), Mossley v Halifax; Shildon v Darlington (7.0), Southend v Tottenham (7.45); Stevenage v Wimbledon, Hayes v Swindon; Cambridge United v Charlton (7.45)

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): Southport: Lancashire v Surrey.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championship (at Leamington Spa).
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Dublin horse show (at Ballsbridge).
RACING: Brighton (2.15); Kempton Park (5.50), Newcastle (2.30); Nottingham (6.05).
ROWING: World championships (at Strathclyde)
SAILING: Skandia Life Cowes week.
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Hull v Oxford (7.30); Long Eaton v Eastbourne (7.30), Poole v Bradford (7.30).

THURSDAY

CRICKET

SECOND CORNHILL TEST MATCH (first day of five): Headingley: England v Pakistan
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): Swansea: Glamorgan v Leicestershire; Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire; Northampton: Northamptonshire v Kent; Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex; Taunton: Somerset v Essex; Hove: Sussex v Derbyshire; Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Durham.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP: Qualifying round, first leg: Glentoran v Sparta Prague (at The Oval, Belfast); Llansantffraid v Ruch Chorzow (at Wrexham FC); Red Star Belgrade v Hearts (5.30), Shelbourne v FK Brann (7.45)
SCOTTISH CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Dundee v Stenhousemuir; Hamilton v St Mirren.
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Bromley v Charlton; Cardiff v Tottenham; Cheltenham v Stoke; Exeter v Manchester City (7.45); Gala Fairydean v Carlisle; Oxford United v Southampton (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championship (at Leamington Spa).
CYCLING: Sky Sports grand prix (in Glasgow)
EQUESTRIANISM: Roayl Dublin horse show (at Ballsbridge).
GOLF: McDonald's WPGA championship (at Gleneagles)
RACING: Hamilton Park (6.05); Pontefract (2.45); Yarmouth (5.50).
ROWING: World championships (at Strathclyde).
SAILING: Skandia Life Cowes week.
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: London v Swindon (7.30); Middlesbrough v Belle Vue (7.30), Sheffield v Peterborough (7.45).

FRIDAY

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH (first day of four): Worcester: Worcestershire v South Africa A.

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Caernarfon v Tranmere; Enfield v Barnet; Fulham v Reading (7.45); Richmond Town v Darlington (3.0); Scarborough v Boston; Watford v Cambridge United (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championship (at Leamington Spa).
EQUESTRIANISM: Roayl Dublin horse show (at Ballsbridge)
GOLF: McDonald's WPGA championship (at Gleneagles)
RACING: Haydock Park (6.10); Newmarket (6.0); Plumpton (2.30); Redcar (2.40); Wolverhampton (AW, 2.20).
ROWING: World championships (at Strathclyde).
SAILING: Skandia Life Cowes week.
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Peterborough v Long Eaton (7.30). Conference League: Peterborough v Arena Essex (7.0).

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen v Celtic; Dundee United v Motherwell; Dunfermline v Hearts; Hibernian v Kilmarnock; Rangers v Raith.
SCOTTISH CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Albion v St Johnstone; Alloa v Clyde; Arbroath v Queen Of South; Berwick v Stranraer; Brechin v Stirling; Clydebank v East Stirling; Cowdenbeath v Falkirk; Forfar v Greenock Morton; Livingston v Inverness C Thistle; Montrose v Dumbarton; Partick v Queen's Park; Ross County v Ayr
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Blackpool v Darlington; Bradford v Wolverhampton; Brighton v Luton; Carlisle v Bolton; Charlton v Tottenham; Guiseley v Halifax; Halesowen v Cardiff; Hitchin v Tottenham XI; Ilkeston v Birmingham; Kettering v Norwich; Kidderminster v Crewe; Northwich v Doncaster; Portsmouth v Bristol City; Queens Park Rangers v Wimbledon, Shelbourne v Nottingham Forest (7.45); Shrewsbury v Stoke; Wigan v Barnsley.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Paris Saint-Germain v St Helens (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championship (at Leamington Spa)
EQUESTRIANISM: Roayl Dublin horse show (at Ballsbridge).
GOLF: McDonald's WPGA championship (at Gleneagles); Irish amateur championship (Royal County Down).
RACING: Ayr (2.05); Haydock Park (2.15); Lingfield Park (5.40), Market Rasen (5.50); Newmarket (2.0), Redcar (2.10); Worcester (6.0).
ROWING: World championships (at Strathclyde).
SAILING: Skandia Life Cowes week.
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Coventry v Sheffield (7.30); Eastbourne v Exeter (7.30). Conference League: Linlithgow v Ryde (2.30); Swindon v Peterborough (7.30).

SUNDAY

CRICKET

AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE (one day): Swansea: Glamorgan v Leicestershire; Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire; Old Trafford: Lancashire v Surrey; Northampton: Northamptonshire v Kent; Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex; Taunton: Somerset v Essex; Hove: Sussex v Derbyshire; Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Durham.

FOOTBALL

FA CHARITY SHIELD: Manchester United v Newcastle (at Wembley).
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Drogheda v Southend; Middlesbrough v Internazionale; Newcastle Town v Stoke (1.0); Waterford v Oldham

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Oldham Bears v London Broncos, Sheffield Eagles v Halifax Blue Sox (5.30); Warrington v Castleford Tigers (6.0); Wigan v Leeds; Workington v Bradford Bulls. First division: Batley Bulldogs v Hull (5.30); Huddersfield Giants v Dewsbury (6.30); Salford Reds v Keighley Cougars; Wakefield v Whitehaven (3.30); Widnes v Rochdale. Second division: Bramley v Barrow (5.0); Chorley Magpies v York (6.0). Doncaster Dragons v Leigh Centurions; Hull Kingston Rovers v Carlisle (6.30); Hunslet Hawks v South Wales (3.30). Swinton Lions v Prescot Panthers (6.30)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: International meeting (Crystal Palace)
BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championship (at Leamington Spa)
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Dublin horse show (at Ballsbridge)
GOLF: McDonald's WPGA championship (at Gleneagles); Irish amateur championship (Royal County Down).
MOTORSPORT: Auto Trader/RAC touring car championship (at Oulton Park); Formula Three championship (at Snetterton).
ROWING: World championships (at Strathclyde)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Scottish Monarchs v Hull (6.30). Conference League: Burton v Ryde (3.0); Mildenhall v Berwick (3.30). Challenge: Red Cross Fours (Sittingbourne, 2.0)

POOLS CHECK

VICTORIA: Second division: E Brunswick 1 Knox City 3; E Richmond 2 Regent 2, Frankston P 2 East Altona 1, Nunawading 1 Bell Park 2; Oakleigh 0 West Vale 1; S Dandenong 4 Mooroolbark 1, Waverley 1 Altona City 4. Third division: Cranbourne 3 Ringwood C 2; Diamond V 1 Banyule 1; Fitzroy 6 S Werribee 0, Frankston 0 S Springvale 0, Keilor 0 Chelsea 0; Melbourne C 4 Pascoe Vale 1; S Caulfield 3 Clifton Hill 0. Fourth division: Geelong 2 Seaford Utd 2; Lalor 2 Corio 3; Sun Heights 1 N Coburg 2; Sunbury 1 Slonnington 1; Williamstown 0 Moreland 3; Yarraville 2 Langwarrin 0. Postponed: Sandringham v Monbulk. Fifth division: Doveton 2 Glenroy 1; Geelong R 3 S Wantirna 2; Knox Pk 0 Keysborough 2; Melton 0 Mornington 0; Old Scotch 7 Heidelberg C 1. Postponed: Ballarat v N Sunshine; Springvale C v Mitcham. Sixth division: Hoppers C 3 Meadow Pk 2; N Glenroy 2 S Yarra 2. Postponed: Braeside v E Nunawading; Brandon Pk v P Hampton Pk; Croxton v Lyndale U; Dandenong v Brunswick C; Endeavour v Berwick.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: First division: Ashfield 4 Morley 4, Balcatta 2 Bassendean 1, Cockburn 0 Fremantle C 4; Joondalup 5 Dianella 1; North Lake 0 Southside 1, Perth City 0 Rockingham 2.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Premier League: Adelaide R 0 Blue Eagles 0; Campb'town 2 Olympians 3; Croydon 3 Port Lion 4; Woodville 2 Salisbury 1. First division: Adelaide City 1 Enfield 2; Cumberland 3 W T Birkalla 0; Modbury 3 Elizabeth 2; Plympton 1 Para Hills 0, Port Pirie 1 Noarlunga 2; Seaford 2 W Adelaide 2.

QUEENSLAND DIVISION: Third division: Darra 5 Clairveaux 0; Newmarket 1 Latrobe 1. Postponed: Western S v University. Fourth division: Browns P 1 Greenbank 0; Southside 4 Samford 0.

NEW SOUTH WALES: Third division: Earlwood 2 White City 4; Moorebank 7 Wanderers 1.

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FORECAST: Telephone claims for 23 and 24pts, dividend very good with nine score and four no-score draws.

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Jennai Cox tries sport aerobics, the dynamic new exercises that mimic the actions of our sporting heroes

A sport aerobics class demonstrates a volleyball-style exercise

A workout with Gazza, Agassi and Linford

SPORT FOR ALL

While aerobics has still not made it to the Olympics, features from many sports that have, football, tennis and athletics, are now being added to aerobics. It has undergone a drastic transformation since the gentle dance-to-music days of the 1960s.

By introducing steps, boxing gloves, even a swimming pool, aerobics today bears little resemblance to the original class taken by Jacki Sorrenson, from the United States, 30 years ago. That class was the first attempt to set to music exercises inspired by the bestselling book, *Aerobics*, by Kenneth Cooper, the US Air Force surgeon, in 1968.

The new "sport aerobics", designed to develop footwork, power, speed, strength and agility, takes exercise into another dimension. Movements from different disciplines are named after heroes of the sports field so that "Agassi" tennis forehands or "Gazza" football headers are woven into the rhythm of the class.

Eight million people regularly attend aerobics classes in the UK and the new version was enthusiastically received when it was launched last October by the Puma Cross Training Group, which promotes aerobics and other sports around the country.

The vigorous format can be adapted as an introduction to a new sport, to improve technique or be used as preparation for someone returning to sport after rest or injury. For those who find aerobics in any form a turn-off, the same principles can be applied in a circuit-type class, which the promoters hope to develop for schools.

The attraction of aerobics for many, especially women, is that it can be done alone. Home videos still sell in their thousands. The warm-up of the class I joined at Pools on the Park in Richmond, Surrey, however, was interactive. Building on the idea of a volleyball game, we jogged in two sets of squares, then jumped and touched hands with someone in the opposite set, as if leaping to strike a mid-air ball in a match.

Varying leg, arm and body movements are added to a combination of moves which make up the routine of most aerobic classes. In sport aerobics all are made "explosive", according to its developer, Matt Lawrence, aerobics presenter with Puma. So skipping is exaggerated, with knees almost touching the chin, and done in a circle. Sprinters practise similar warm-up exercises and Lawrence has christened this one the "Linford".

The grapevine (three steps to the left with a foot tap, and three to the right) is gradually transformed into a shuffle. A back and forehand tennis swing are added, then a whole body swivel in a move known as the "Andre". The volleyball drill, ending with a jump and spike, starts off as a simple wide march. Lawrence is working on a "Cantona", which, he says, will "involve a strange kicking action".

Many coaches now recognise the benefits of high-intensity aerobics. In addition to their particular discipline, many athletes now specify their training, repeating an exercise to build up certain muscles or refine particular skills, such as hand-eye co-ordination, flexibility or developing stamina. Lawrence has been asked to develop workouts for squash players and skiers.

Jumping on the spot while swivelling the hips emulates a skiing slalom action. The sprint, hop, skip and jump is known as the "Edwards" and the "Gazza" is three diagonal runs with a pass foot movement in each direction, finishing with a header and a sprint back and forth. Imitation drop-shots are inspired by badminton and the smash, ball dribbling and jumpshot routine, known as the "Magic", comes from basketball.

Because sport aerobics involves interval training — taking the heartbeat to a higher rate with longer periods of recovery — sweat was dripping after 20 minutes. Any spare energy was exhausted getting the movements right.

While seeming slightly bizarre when done to a fast musical beat, most sports moves are familiar, so not difficult to pick up and should attract more men. Although our class was fairly high-powered, like most it can be toned down for any fitness ability. The oldest and youngest to have tried it to date are 65 and 12 respectively.

The routine ended with cooling down moves including a golf tee-off, green bowls and throwing darts, by which time we were all out of breath. Dr Cooper, the aerobics originator, still writing on fitness subjects, likes the idea, which he says brings it closer to its original meaning. All aerobics really means is "using oxygen".

PETER TRIEVNOR

Matt Lawrence, left, aerobics presenter with the Puma Cross Training Group, takes a class. In sport aerobics, he says, all movements are "explosive" or exaggerated

HOW TO GET STARTED

Sport aerobics workshops will be held on the following dates: Aug 11, Northampton; Aug 31, London; Sept 1, Derby; Sept 21, Liverpool; Sept 22, Oxford; Oct 19, Leeds; Oct 20, Bristol; Nov 2, Aberdeen; Nov 3, Glasgow; Nov 10, Southampton; Nov 16, Newcastle; Nov 17, Manchester. Details from Matt Lawrence on 0181-543 7399.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

For the next week I'm trying a new technique. For a card-play problem that concerns one player, the hands he can see are in normal text, and the concealed hands are in shaded boxes. Today the question revolves round the declarer's play — hence the East-West hands are shaded. Using a sort of poor man's Magic Eye technique, try not to look at the East-West hands until the end. I hope it will be easier than the old advice to cover the unseen hands with your thumbs. Setting up the shaded boxes is a right bore for the sub-editors, so unless there is a favourable response from the readers, I won't be going on with it.

Today's hand is from Patrick Jourdain's regular column, "Problem Corner", in *Bridge Magazine*. Six Hearts is an excellent contract for North-South, but that would be unexciting in the play. To make it more difficult, as South you have to play Six Spades. Luckily West leads the five of diamonds rather than a club. If you cash ace and king of spades, West shows out on the second round. How do you continue?

♠A K
♥A K J
♦A K 9 7 2
♣J 9 4

West:
♠5
♥7 6 5 3
♦Q J 10 5
♣K 10 8 6

N
W E
S

East:
♠9 8 7 6 2
♥2
♦8 6
♣A Q 5 3 2

♠Q J 10 4 3
♥Q 10 9 8 4
♦4 3
♣7

Contract: Six Spades by South. Lead: five of diamonds

The successful line when West shows out on the king of spades is to lead the jack of hearts to the queen, and draw trumps, discarding the ace and king of hearts on two of the spades. Thus declarer can now cash the remaining four heart tricks in hand before taking the other top diamond for his twelfth trick.

This type of unblocking manoeuvre is common in problem hands. It is rarer in practical play; but very satisfying if you spot it at the table.

☐ The Red Cross London Bridge Tournament in aid of the British Red Cross, London Branch, will be played in three separate heats in September, with the final including reception and dinner on Wednesday October 2. All events are played in the House of Commons. Prizes include Swiss watches and trips to Paris. Entry £100 per person. For further information contact Mrs M. Zangrilli at 0171-235 8577 (phone) or 0171-235 8593 (fax).

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PATRILOCAL
a. Living with Dad
b. Connected to the shinbone
c. An all-male pub

RIEGEL
a. An Alpine floral skirt
b. Glacial bedrock
c. A type of telescope

ONONDAGA
a. Concealing one's name
b. A tropical liana
c. An Iroquois

PREVERB
a. Prefix to a verb
b. To anticipate verbally
c. An Etruscan judge

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Title defence

Matthew Sadler, the grandmaster from Chatham in Kent, has opened his defence of the British Championship title in Nottingham. The Championships take place from August 4-17 at the East Midlands Conference Centre, University of Nottingham. So far, 700 entries have been received.

The favourites to challenge Sadler for his title are the other two grandmasters, Mark Hebden from Leicester and John Emms from Norwich. Over the past year Sadler has notched up a series on international successes including top honours in the tournaments at Ischia and Oberwart. Here is a game which helped him to a share of first prize in the former.

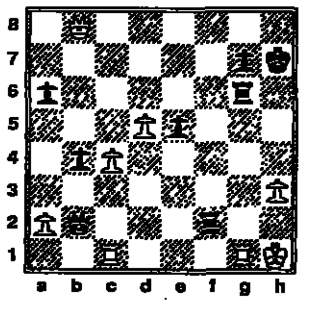
White: Ilya Smirin
Black: Matthew Sadler
Ischia 1996

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Be3	e5
7	Nf3	Be7
8	Bc4	0-0
9	0-0	Be6
10	Bb3	b5
11	Qe2	h6
12	Rfd1	Nbd7
13	Nh4	b4
14	Na4	Nxe4
15	Bxe6	fxe6
16	Ng6	Rf6
17	Qg4	d5
18	f3	Ng5
19	Bxg5	hxg5
20	Qxg5	Bd6
21	c4	Qe8
22	Nh4	e4
23	fxe4	Bf4
24	Qg4	Ne5
25	Qe2	Qxa4
26	g3	Bg5
27	exd5	Bxh4
28	Qxe5	Qc2
29	Kh1	Bxg3
30	Qxg3	Rg6
31	Qf3	Rf8
32	Rac1	Qxb2
33	Qh3	Rh6
34	Qg3	Rf2
35	h3	Rg6
36	Qb8+	Kh7
37	Rg1	e5

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Biel

Leading scores at the powerful international tournament in Biel after 10 rounds are: Ehlvest, Karpov and Milov $6\frac{1}{2}$; Almasi, Andersson, Glek and Lautier $5\frac{1}{2}$; Portisch 5; Tukmakov 4; Romanishin $3\frac{1}{2}$; Miles and Onischuk 3.

Times book

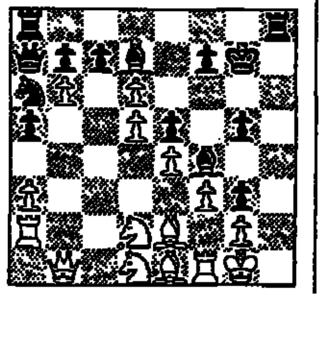
The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276) at £6.99 plus postage and packing.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Georgiev — Dimitrov, Bulgaria 1996. Black has gambitted a piece to open the dangerous h-file against the white king. How did he now make the most of this?



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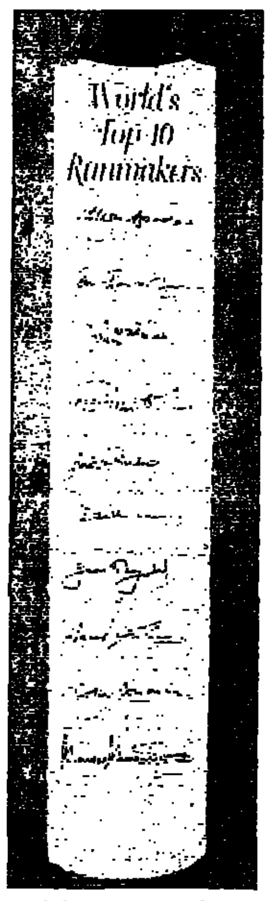

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5,191.10	SA Breweries	1762½	-12½	2.1	

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4,419.10	Aus Nat Z	318	+6	5.8	7.8
21,665.00	Bank America	5312½	+268½		
2,808.40	Bank Scotland	236	+3	3.6	9.9
13,256.50	Barclays	832	+34	3.9	10.9
2,236.30	Bk of Ireland	465	+29	4.1	
137.90	Cater Allen	423	+5	8.9	12.5
26,193.70	Citicorp	5393¾	+193¾		
398.90	Close Bros	331	+1	3.4	14.7
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9,675.70	HSBC	1116	+57	3.6	11.9
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4,020.70	Ryl Bk Scot	497	+17	4.3	11.0
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30.80	Whiteaway	358		4.5	

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303.00	Celltech	508	+4		..
305.10	Chiroscience	365	+46		
346.50	Cortecs	208	+14		
31,827.40	Glaxo Wellcome	906	+30	4.2	12.7
640.70	Medeva	245	+5¼	2.2	13.9
80.50	Peptide Thera	205	+2		
545.30	Scotia	710	-5		
146.10	Shire Pharma	240	-1		
280.70	SkyePharma	81	+9		
19,500.20	SmithKline	715	+36	2.5	25.6
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5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.50	5.76
830	Exch 15% 1997	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.56	5.85
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	105		9.29	5.88
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.14	6.04
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	6.74	6.17
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	112[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.40	6.21
935	Treas 15½% 1998	118[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.13	6.31
3,809	Exch 12% 1998	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.77	6.50
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	106[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.92	6.56
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.81	6.65
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	109[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.59	6.68
6,950	Treas 6% 1999	98[illegible] †	+[illegible]	6.12	6.71
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	109[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.33	6.84
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	106[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.46	6.94
9,800	Treas 8% 2000	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.74	7.06
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	120[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.82	7.04
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.02	7.15
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
10,750	Treas 7% 2001	98[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.08	7.23
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.77	7.41
8,600	Treas 8% 2003	102[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.79	7.47
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.83	7.53
1,520	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.80	7.30
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	81[illegible]	+[illegible]	4.30	6.52
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.57	7.67
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	94[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.16	7.67
8,900	Treas 8½% 2005	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.10	7.73
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.56	7.73
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.88	7.65
9,000	Treas 7½% 2006	97[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.67	7.79
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	98[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.88	7.82
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.92	7.79
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	128[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.72	7.58
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.13	7.86
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.14	7.68
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.30	7.90
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	100[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.98	7.95
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	84[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.36	8.03
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.31	8.02
5,380	Treas 9% 2012	108[illegible] †	+[illegible]	8.31	8.06
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.98	7.83
6,100	Treas 8% 2013	99[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.08	8.09
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.02	8.10
9,500	Treas 8% 2015	98[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.08	8.09
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.28	8.15
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	134[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.90	8.19
6,008	Tr 8% 2021	98[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.11	8.11
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	42[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.21	
475	Treas 2½%	29[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.39	..
359	Consols 4%	48[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.26	..
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:				10%	5%
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	1.00	2.56
1,850	Treas IL 2½% 2001	181[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.91	3.45
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2003	176[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.18	3.59
1,150	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.25	3.82
2,100	Treas IL 2% 2006	185	+1[illegible]	3.37	3.65
2,200	Treas IL 2½% 2009	165[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.46	3.70
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2011	171[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.52	3.72
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.56	3.75
3,150	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.60	3.78
3,150	Treas IL 2½% 2020	149[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.65	3.79
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.64	3.78
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.64	3.78

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2.37	Abacus Recruit	43			
4.92	Cafe Inns	172	+2	1.7	14.2
15.70	Country Gdns	85		2.0	16.4
90.70	Dawson Hldgs	1025	-25	2.5	14.3
14.10	Firecrest	60	-10	..	25.6
123.00	Freepages	33½		..	
43.30	Megalomedia#	94	+2	..	
30.90	Memory Corp	51	-4		
17.80	Old English Pub▲	116	-2	1.1	50.7
69.80	Pet City	370	+5		
127.70	Southern News	580	...	3.8	13.9
	Southern Vectis	88			
27.50	Surrey Fr Inns	260	-5	1.0	39.6
352.80	Trocadero	71	+1		

Source: FT Information

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: British Airways (Q1), HSBC Holdings, Midland Bank, London & Overseas *Freighters (Q1)*, *Pearson*, Telewest Communications.
Finals: Filtronic Comtek, McKay Securities, Mid Wynd International Investment Trust, PSIT, Save & Prosper Linked Investment Trust.
Economic statistics: UK July provisional M0, UK June housing starts and completions, UK June industrial output, US June leading indicators, US housing completions, US Treasury auction of short-term Treasury bills, German June manufacturing orders.

TOMORROW

Interims: Appleyard Group, Barclays, British Petroleum (Q2), Capital Shopping Centres, Cordiant, CU Environmental Trust, French Property Trust, Kleinwort Overseas Investment Trust, TR Pacific Investment Trust, Yorkshire Chemicals, Zeneca.
Finals: Benson Group, Williamson Tea Holdings.
Economic statistics: UK June new construction orders, UK July cyclical indicators, UK July new car registrations, German July unemployment.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Abbey National, Commercial Union, Foreign & Colonial *Enterprise* Trust, GKN, Holliday Chemical Holdings, Liberty International Holdings, *Metal Bulletin*, Transport Development Group, Ward Holdings.
Finals: Crown Eyeglass.
Economic statistics: Bank of England quarterly *Inflation Report*, UK August CBI/BSL regional trends survey, US June wholesale inventories, US June consumer credit, US Treasury auction of ten-year notes.

THURSDAY

Interims: Bensons Crisps, Coutts Consulting Group, Rank Organisation, Reed Elsevier, Willis Corroon.
Finals: Break for the Border Group, Westminster Health Care Holdings, Wyko Group.
Economic statistics: US weekly jobless claims, Japan June current account.

FRIDAY

Interims: CIA Group, Unilever (Q2).
Finals: Eve Group.
Economic statistics: UK July CBI distributive trades survey, *US July producer prices index*.

COMPANIES

KAREN ZAGOR

Banking on a buyback at Barclays

Martin Taylor, chief executive, has seen the Barclays share price reach record levels

BARCLAYS BANK: Speculation that the company, of which Martin Taylor is chief executive, will announce another share buyback programme when it releases its interim results tomorrow has lifted the share price to record levels. Analysts agree that the bank has now seen the worst of its restructuring charges, but there is little consensus about actual earnings at the midway mark. Predictions of pre-tax profits range from about £1.03 billion to about £1.16 billion, with earnings per share ranging from 43.86p to 49p with good contributions from BZW, the investment banking business. In the first half of last year, Barclays had pre-tax profits of £1.13 billion, earnings per share of 42.8p and a net dividend of 11.4p.

BRITISH PETROLEUM: Dividends will be foremost in the minds of investors tomorrow when BP posts its second-quarter results. The dog days of 1992 when BP halved and then froze its dividend seem a long time ago. The dividend has been edging upwards since 1994 and the company has said that it intends it to reflect half of underlying earnings. NatWest Securities is looking for a 5p dividend.

Normalised net income is expected to rise 19 per cent to about £670 million in the quarter, from £563 million, with earnings per share advancing to 12p from 10.1p. The company is expected to continue to benefit from strong oil prices. Marketing remains an area of weakness and analysts will be looking to Europe in coming weeks to see whether BP's marketing alliance with Mobil has received EU approval.

HSBC: The parent company of Midland Bank should show the benefits of strong interest income and good cost control when it posts its interim figures today. Pre-tax profits are expected to rise 16 per cent to £2.02 billion from £1.74 billion, with earnings per share rising to 54.1p from 46.1p.

ABBEY NATIONAL: Analysts will be looking for further evidence of recovery in the housing market when Abbey unveils half-year figures on Wednesday. Abbey is more dependent on mortgage earnings than its quoted competitors, but less dependent than many building societies that are planning to float. There may be some erosion of Abbey's mortgage market share, because the bank has not indulged in the same level of mortgage discounting as competitors. Salomon Brothers expects pre-tax profits of £545 million, with earnings per share of 27p.

***UNILEVER**: The news that BSE* can be passed from cows to calves is not what Unilever needed. In the first quarter, the food and consumer products giant was forced to write off £15 million of beef products. On Friday, analysts will look for second-quarter profits of about £623 million. The latest figures include a £75 million charge. Earnings per share are forecast at 20.3p. This compares with pre-tax profits of £657 million and earnings per share of 21.9p a year ago.

BRITISH AIRWAYS: As BA *awaits regulatory approval for its* planned partnership with American Airlines, analysts will be looking for a strong improvement in the company's first-quarter earnings today. Pre-tax profits are expected to climb 19 per cent to about £160 million, with earnings per share of 11.7p.

COMMERCIAL UNION: Improvements in France, The Netherlands and possibly the US should be announced on Wednesday, taking the edge off a sharp erosion in underwriting in the UK during the six months to June. *Look for pre-tax profits of* about £220 million, down 11 per cent, with earnings per share at 19.2p, down 26 per cent.

REED ELSEVIER: Market expectations centre on the Anglo-Dutch publishing group making a £450 million bid for Blenheim, the exhibitions group.

Meanwhile, analysts are looking for Reed earnings of £408 million, up 10 per cent, with earnings per share of 28.9p when the company reveals its interim earnings on Thursday.

PEARSON: Details of the disposal of Westminster Press will be top of the list of questions analysts hope to have answered when the company posts interim results today. Sharp losses at Mindscape, Pearson's ill-starred computer games company in the US, are expected to contribute to a 53 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to about £24 million. On a normalised basis, profits are projected at £54 million and earnings per share at 4.8p against profits of £60.9 million and earnings per share of 7.8p in the first half of 1995.

ZENECA: Drugs and agrochemicals have been good to Zeneca this year, offsetting spending on developing and launching new products. Tomorrow, UBS will be looking for a 21 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £610 million, with earnings per share of 42.9p and a dividend of 12.5p.

RANK ORGANISATION: Gains from cinema sales and depletion of bingo profits are expected to be reflected in Rank's results on Thursday.

Analysts predict interim pre-tax profits of £157.4 million, with earnings per share of 11.5p. A year earlier, Rank had profits of £155.3 million and earnings of 10.7p. The figures are expected to be overshadowed by the release of an internal strategic review on Thursday.

TELEWEST: Britain's biggest cable company last week lost its chief executive. Today, Hoare Govett expects it to post a £120 million six-month loss. The losses *are expected to continue as the* company expands its business.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Inflation in the spotlight

The key British economic event this week is on Wednesday — the publication of the Bank of England's *Inflation Report*. This comes a week after the monthly monetary meeting at which Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, apparently opted to leave interest rates unchanged after a disagreement with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, over the quarter-point cut to 5.75 per cent in June.

The markets will be looking carefully as usual at the probability the Bank places on the inflation target of 2.5 per cent or less being met. Its previous report argued that it was marginally more likely than not that the target would be missed on the assumption of 6 per cent base rates. Since then, of course, there has been another cut.

The immediate focus will be on the June figures for industrial production, released today. Manufacturing output is expected to have risen 0.3 per cent, according to the consensus of forecasts compiled by MMS International. This would give year-on-year growth of a marginal 0.1 per cent. Industrial production, which includes energy output, is forecast to rise 0.1 per cent, giving a year-on-year growth rate of 1.8 per cent.

Tomorrow sees the publication of construction orders for June and cyclical indicators for July, and, on Friday, the Confederation of British Industry releases its latest distributive trades survey, important as a judgment of the strength of the retail sector.

Given the intense debate about whether the US Federal Reserve will raise interest rates when the Federal Open Market Committee meets on August 20, all US economic indicators will be watched with particular interest.

Key statistics include leading indicators and home completions for June, released today, June consumer credit on Wednesday, weekly unemployment claims on Thursday and July producer prices on Friday. The Fed releases its Tan Book, a review of the economy, on Wednesday.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Telegraph: **Buy** Merchant Retail Group, Cordiant, Conrad Ritblat. *The Sunday Times*: **Avoid** Arjo Wiggins; **Buy** Waterfall, Tracker Network. *Independent on Sunday*: **Buy** Cordiant, Calgon, Hamlet; **Sell** Willis Corroon. *The Mail on Sunday*: **Buy** IES, Action Computer, FKI. *Sunday Express*: **Buy** Caledonia Investments, Gander, Hanson; **Hold** Caspian, Chiroscience, Thorntons.

AN EXCLUSIVE TIMES COMPETITION

Win flights to Jo'burg with Virgin

14 pairs of tickets worth £30,000 to be won on Virgin's new service to South Africa

The Times, in association with Virgin Atlantic, gives you and a partner the chance to win return flights on Virgin's new daily service direct from London to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city. We have 14 pairs of return tickets, worth more than £30,000, to give away to this new Virgin Atlantic destination, which launches on October 2.

All you have to do is collect four of the tokens appearing in *The Times* this week, answer the competition question and write ten words on the application form below explaining why you want to win tickets to Johannesburg.

Personal service: Virgin Atlantic Upper Class

The first-prize winner will receive a pair of Virgin Atlantic Upper Class tickets, two nights at Sabi Sabi, a private game reserve, one night at Lesedi cultural village and four nights at the Karos Indaba hotel, Johannesburg. All meals (except at the Karos Indaba), safaris with an expert guide and transfers are included.

As passengers of Virgin's Upper Class, the first-prize winners will get a chauffeur-driven car to whisk them from home to Heathrow to enjoy all the amenities of the Clubhouse. Once on board, they will enjoy the comfort of a first-class sleeper seat, with 55in of legroom, and a wide variety of award-winning entertainment including a personal armrest TV screen with up to 24 channels including eight movie channels showing the latest releases.

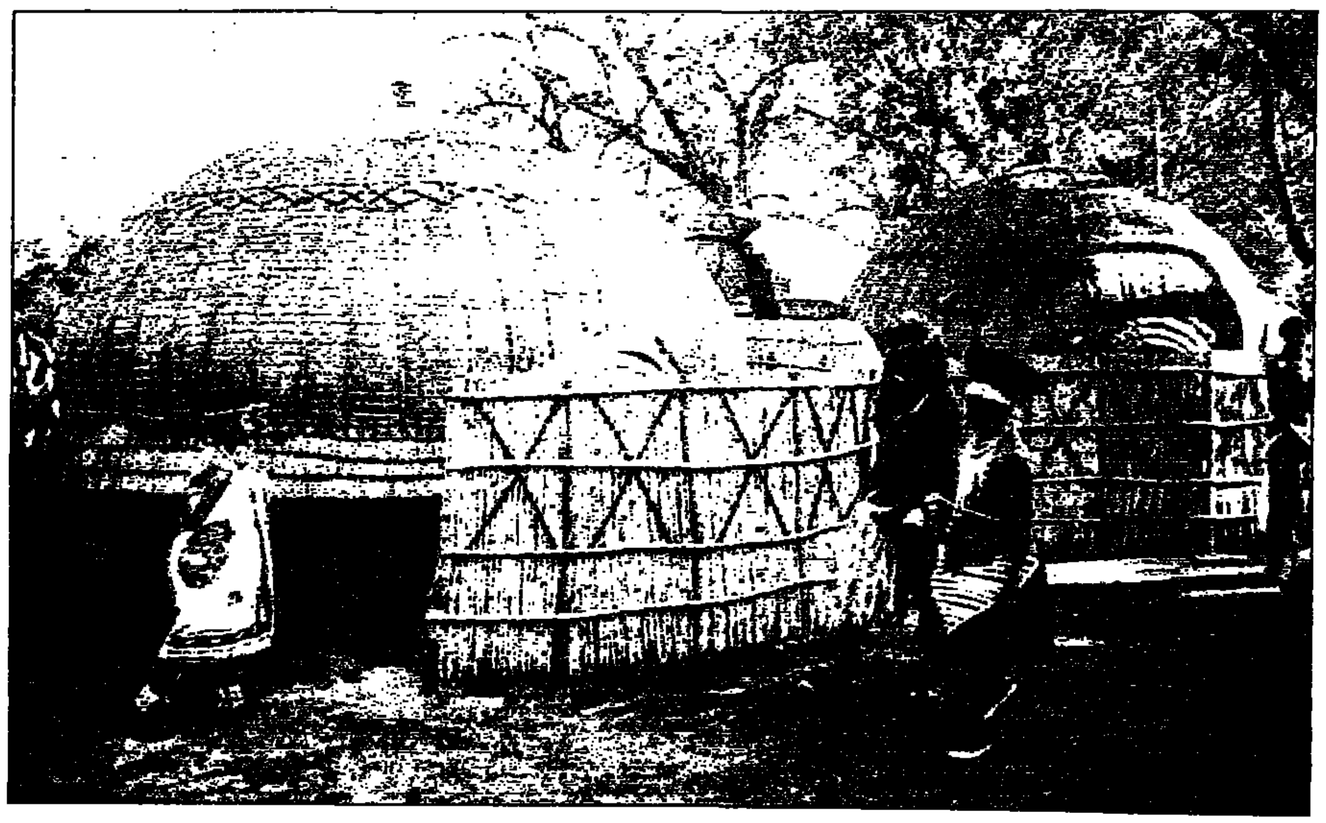
Second prize is one of three pairs of tickets for travel in Premium Economy, the world's best economy service with more space, bigger seats with 38in of legroom, a dedicated check-in service and drinks before take off — all for a fully-flexible economy ticket.

A further ten runners-up will receive a pair of Economy tickets. Our winners will enjoy comfortable and spacious seats, friendly and attentive cabin crew and easy to view seatback TVs offering award-winning entertainment. Exceptional service includes a choice of meals, complimentary drinks and an amenity kit full of useful items for your comfort throughout the flight.

At Sabi Sabi, a private game reserve on the banks of the Sabie River, ecologically and geographically integrated with the world famous Kruger National Park, the winner and his or her companion will be taken on safari deep into the African bush in an open four-wheel-drive vehicle. Lesedi, a Sotho word meaning "light", is a multicultural African village. Our winners will meet the various tribes and enjoy an evening of singing and dancing in the open air. They will stay in a hut (with private facilities) specially set aside for visitors before going to the luxurious Karos Indaba hotel in the elite northern suburbs of Johannesburg. From this country-style hotel with thatched roofs and whitewashed walls, they can set out to explore this fascinating city.

HOW TO ENTER

Attach four tokens from *The Times* to the form below and tick the appropriate answer to the competition question. Then complete the ten-word tie-breaker. Send your entry to: *The Times*/Virgin Jo'burg Competition, Ashentree Court, London EC88 8NG. The closing date for receipt of entries is Thursday, August 22, 1996.



Clockwise from top: the multicultural African village of Lesedi; viewing big game on safari and the Karos Indaba hotel, Johannesburg.

THE TIMES/VIRGIN JO'BURG COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

When does Virgin Atlantic's new service to Jo'burg launch?

☐ a) September 2 ☐ b) October 2 ☐ c) November 2

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms .... Initials ....

Surname ....

Address ....

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Postcode .... Day Tel ....

IT WOULD HELP US IF YOU ANSWERED THESE FOUR QUESTIONS:

Which of the following age groups do you fall into? (Please tick box)

☐ 1 15-24 ☐ 2 25-34 ☐ 3 35-44
☐ 4 45-54 ☐ 5 55-64 ☐ 6 65+

Which national daily newspaper(s) do you buy occasionally (3 copies or less) during the week?

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Which national daily newspaper(s) do you buy regularly (4-6 copies) during the week?

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Which national Sunday newspaper(s) do you buy regularly (2-4 copies a month)?

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Please tell us in not more than 10 words why you would like to win a pair of tickets to Johannesburg.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS 1 The prizes will consist of: one first prize of one pair of Upper Class round-trip tickets; second to fourth prizes of one pair of Premium Economy round-trip tickets; fifth to 14th prizes of one pair of Economy round-trip tickets on the London Heathrow-Johannesburg service operated by Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited. The first prize will also consist of two nights accommodation for two people provided by Sabi Sabi game reserve, one night's accommodation for two people provided by Lesedi cultural village and four nights' accommodation for two people provided by Karos Indaba Hotel. Transfers to Sabi Sabi and Lesedi will also be included in the first prize. 2 Tickets will be valid from October 2, 1996 to October 2, 1997 (inclusive). Actual dates of travel will be subject to availability at the time of booking. Availability for use of prize tickets is limited for each flight. Some flights may already be booked and consequently have no seats available for this offer. The earlier you book, the better the chance you will have of obtaining seats on the flight of your choice. 3 Travel is not permitted between December 18 1996 and January 16 1997 (inclusive) or between March 21 1997 and April 4 1997 (inclusive). 4 Flights must originate in London Heathrow. 5 The prizes are not transferable to another family member or any other named person. There is no cash alternative to the prizes. 6 Entrants must be over 18 years of age and must reside in the UK. 7 Tickets are non-transferable to another airline and have no cash value. 8 Pairs of prize winners must travel together on the same flight and on the same date. 9 Chauffeur driven car to and from the airport will be made available to the Upper Class ticket-prize winner only. 10 Flights can only be booked by contacting Virgin Atlantic's Marketing department. All flights offered will be on a confirmed basis. Telephone numbers and office hours will be supplied. 11 Ten working days booking notice will be required. 12 Runners-up will be responsible for their own accommodation. All prize winners will be responsible for their own visa requirements, passport and insurance requirements. 13 Once a booking has been confirmed no changes are permitted. If a booking is cancelled no alternative tickets will be issued. 14 Prize winners will abide by and be subject to Virgin Atlantic's published terms and conditions of carriage which are available from any Virgin Atlantic office. 15 Once tickets have been issued Virgin Atlantic shall not be liable for any failure to comply with its obligations caused by weather conditions, fire, flood, strike, hurricane, industrial dispute, war, hostilities, political unrest, riots, civil commotion, inevitable accidents, acts of God or any other circumstance amounting to Force Majeure. 16 Only original tokens and entry forms permitted. Photocopies are not acceptable. 17 The judges' decision is final. Receipts of entries will not be acknowledged. 18 No Virgin Freeway miles will be awarded for travel under this promotion. 19 The prize tickets may not be used in conjunction with any other promotions or promotional fares mounted by Virgin Atlantic or any other third party. 20 Employees of News International Newspapers Ltd, Virgin Atlantic, their agents or any company associated with the competition are not eligible to enter the competition. 21 No purchase necessary.

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Australian buy for National Power

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

NATIONAL POWER, the electricity generator, yesterday made its first foray into Australia with the acquisition of Hazelwood, one of the country's biggest coal-fired power stations. It is paying £340 million for a 51 per cent stake in a consortium buying the station for A$2.35 billion (£1.2 billion).

The purchase of the 1,600-mW power station, which National Power is buying in partnership with PacifiCorp and Destec Energy, the US utilities, puts it in direct competition with PowerGen, its British rival, which this year led a consortium to buy neighbouring Yallourn power station for A$2.4 billion.

Max Herbert, National Power's Asia-Pacific director, said yesterday: "Our aim is to have Hazelwood as a world-class operation playing an increasingly important part in the emerging national electricity market. We're planning a major capital expenditure programme at Hazelwood to maximise operating efficiencies and upgrade environmental performance."

The sale of the Hazelwood power station, which is east of Melbourne and comes with its own brown coal mine and a business that makes brown coal products, marks the latest stage of the State Government of Victoria's successful privatisation of its electricity industry. It has been closely modelled on the UK's electricity privatisation programme, and has so far included five distribution companies and two power stations, raising A$13.6 billion so far, more than twice as much as analysts initially expected, with much of the interest coming from overseas utilities.

A further three power stations are still to be sold and Mr Herbert yesterday said the consortium would seek other investment opportunities in the Australian power industry as they become available.

As part of the shake-up of the industry, the state's power stations are to be allowed to compete directly with each other in the supply of wholesale electricity within the state and outside it.

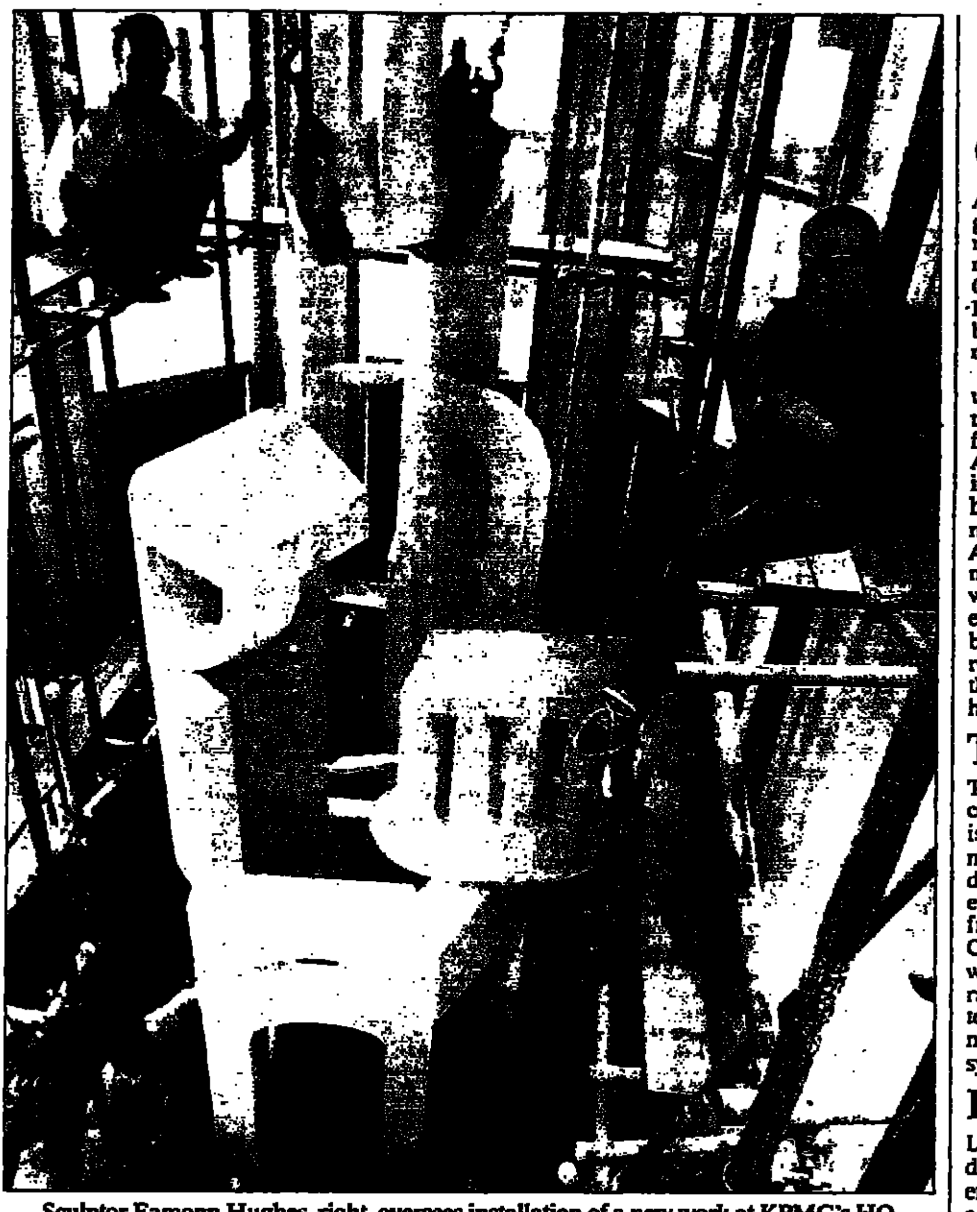
Analysts say, however, that National Power and PowerGen will have their work cut out over the next few years: as well as copying the way the UK electricity industry was sold off, Victoria's version will also copy the way it is run, with electricity companies required to achieve reductions in electricity prices to residential and small business customers of 16 per cent and 28 per cent in real terms respectively by 2000. Prices will be reviewed in five years' time.

Consumers 'coming to rescue'

MANUFACTURING is set to remain in the doldrums but services sectors are accelerating as consumer demand rises, according to the latest report from Oxford Economic Forecasting (Janet Bush writes). Oxford expects manufacturing to grow 0.4 per cent in 1996 and although the consumer should come to the rescue, there are considerable risks to economic growth.

Oxford notes manufacturing has fallen in each of the last two quarters and is still on a downward trend. The latest survey from the CBI showed orderbooks were continuing to weaken and output expectations were becoming less optimistic.

Oxford argues that the quarter-point cut in base rates to 5.75 per cent in June was justified and suggests the risks to activity may justify another cut. However, it expressed concern that the Chancellor may be reluctant to raise rates later this year if growth became too strong.



Sculptor Eamonn Hughes, right, oversees installation of a new work at KPMG's HQ

Forensic hunt at KPMG

BY JASON NISSE

KPMG, the accountancy firm, has launched a novel recruitment drive to attract non-accountants to work for it.

The firm wants to recruit up to a dozen former policemen, tax investigators or even journalists for its forensic accounting division, which largely investigates frauds and provides support for legal actions. It has published a series of adverts in the national and specialist press targeted at anybody but accountants and has seen a strong response.

Philip Haberman, a forensic accounting partner at KPMG, said: "We are widening our staff base partly because accountants tend not to be as sceptical as they could be and partly because other people have a different way of looking at things." The division has expanded from two people and a part-time partner in 1990 to an operation with more than 100 staff.

In a separate move, KPMG says Grant Thornton will be auditors for its audit business, which is being spun off as a separate limited company.

Hays ready to increase bid

HAYS, the business services group led by Ronnie Frost, is expected early this week to make an increased £1.1 billion bid for Christian Salvesen, the distribution and power supplies company, at about 390p a share (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Salvesen last week rejected Hays's 370p first bid as inadequate but said it would consider a "significantly improved proposal." Salvesen management, led by Chris Masters, has declined Hays's repeated requests for meetings.

Analysts believe Salvesen might hold out for 400p, but argue that at that level Hays is in danger of overpaying. Hays is understood to be unwilling to launch a hostile bid if its 390p proposal is rejected.

Sources close to Hays denied weekend reports that Mr Frost has been in touch with members of the Salvesen family, 200 of whom control 38 per cent of the company.

Allders in talks with Owen Owen

Allders, the department stores group, said it was in talks that may lead to it buying a number of stores from Owen Owen, the retail group run by Philip Green, the former Amber Day chief, for about £23 million.

It is believed to be targeting up to ten stores, including those in Leeds, Coventry, Oxford, Ipswich and Slough. After the sale of Allders' international tax and duty-free business to Swissair last month for £160 million, Allders has more than £100 million cash and has said it wants to use some of it to expand its department store business. It still intends to return a significant amount of the cash, expected to be up to half, to shareholders.

TI in £15m deal

TI Group, the engineering company, will start its promised acquisition spree this morning with a £15.5 million deal to buy a Brazilian refrigeration components business from Alcan Aluminium of Canada. TI said the purchase would enable it to supply a full range of fluid carrying systems through its Bundy International fluid carrying systems subsidiary.

Laporte silent

Laporte, the chemicals group, declined to comment on weekend reports that it has put its adhesives and sealants business, best known for making Evostik, up for sale with a price tag of £300 million. The company bought much of the division three years ago when it bid £181 million for Evode.

Michot rises

Yves Michot was yesterday appointed to the board of Aérospatiale, the French state aerospace group, paving the way for him to be named chairman this week. M Michot, currently number two at Aérospatiale, is replacing Louis Gallois, who became boss of SNCF state railways last month.

Stet sell-off

Italian ministers are expected to meet tomorrow to lay down guidelines for the proposed sell-off of Stet, Italy's telecommunications group. The ministers are expected to recommend the immediate private sale of at least four Stet subsidiaries, with flotation of the core group in February or March 1997.

Why healthy scepticism is necessary

Will things be different this time? That is the key question facing financial markets at the moment. Alan Greenspan at the Federal Reserve is wondering whether the soft data reported last week is proof that the US economy will slow down of its own accord without the need for a rate rise, or whether the tightness of the labour market will push up wages. In the UK, gilt investors wonder whether wage pressures will return as Britain's economy accelerates. And there is an even more pertinent question — would a Labour government be different this time?

The US bond market now believes that the automatic stabilisers will generate a slowdown. Most notably there is the impact of the rise in long-term interest rates on the housing market, but also the strengthening in the dollar since mid-1995 should slow export growth. In contrast, UK mortgage rates are set in relation to base rates, making the market mechanism less important and monetary policy more so. The political background makes a pre-emptive rate rise unlikely. Neither is it clear that the pound will rise sufficiently before the general election to cool the economy.

GILT-EDGED

The US housing market has shown some signs of a slowdown, but the UK housing recovery has just started. Indeed, as far as UK housing is concerned it looks as if history may be about to repeat itself. At the end of the 1980s we convinced ourselves that there never would be another housing boom, that people would remember their misfortunes and the authorities would not allow house prices to surge again. Recent developments are casting doubts on these assumptions. Anecdotal stories suggest a return of gazumping; building societies are bending over backwards to find new borrowers; and the Government would welcome a housing boom to revive the "feel-good" factor.

The housing boom in the 1980s was boosted by deregulation in the banking sector; this may have been a one-off, but building society windfalls are another type of stimulus.

In the labour market, too, it has been argued that things are different. Nevertheless, the signs of a tightening labour market continue to grow; vacancies are nearly as high as in 1988; hours worked are back up to 1988 levels; and female unemployment is actually much lower than in 1988. Worries about redundancy will gradually be alleviated, firms will have to pay more to attract workers; and firms will be forced to pay more to keep workers because company loyalty has been destroyed by downsizing. In the UK, few would doubt that at some point measures will be needed to slow growth. Any delay in reacting will increase the risk that inflation will rise and that the tightening will then need to be more severe. The June cut in base rates came against the advice of the Governor of the Bank of England and the Bank will probably sound a louder warning in its *Inflation Report* to be published on Wednesday, but it will fall on deaf ears. If in the US the danger is that the Fed could fall "behind the curve", in the UK monetary policy is in danger of being lapped.

The gilt market may be able to console itself with the thought that economic recovery will make it easier to improve public finances. A new government could raise taxes which would offer the double benefit of slowing consumer spending and reducing the PSBR. However, before that happens, Mr Clarke is likely to cut taxes this autumn and Labour will probably promise to maintain these tax cuts. It will also be difficult for the new government to tighten fiscal policy quickly, leaving monetary policy to bear the brunt of any tightening for quite some time.

Most economists can talk at length about why UK inflation has improved fundamentally. But gilt investors are right to maintain a healthy scepticism when told things have changed permanently. Maybe things will be different this time, but the risks of overheating and a pick-up in inflation are rising, and gilts are not a safe investment.

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CHANGE ON WEEK

US dollar
1.5425 (-0.0128)
German mark
2.2795 (-0.0236)
Exchange index
84.1 (-0.9)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

FT 30 share
2772.4 (+72.6)
FT-SE 100
3770.6 (+97.3)
New York Dow Jones
5679.83 (+206.77)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
20940.41 (-184.49)

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

Double century achieved in style

THE Alternative Investment Market reached its double century on Friday as SCi Entertainment, a CD-Rom games producer, became the 200th company to trade on the exchange, reaching a 7p premium on its 149p issue price.

SCi launched into a quiet but stable market. After the turbulence of the preceding 21 days, AIM's five new issues last week all attracted premiums. David Abrahams, a market-maker at Winterflood Securities, said this was thanks to both the quality of the new issues and their cheap prices. He added that other price movements during the week were steady, with very few violent or erratic changes.

Network Technology, a computer manufacturer placed at 114p on Tuesday, was the week's highest climber. The shares shot up 29p to 143p by the end of the week. Hit Entertainment, the cartoon merchandising group, was also placed on Tuesday and saw its shares go from 163p to 189p.

DBS Management is to leave AIM for the main exchange, becoming the second company to succeed in using AIM as a slipway to a full listing. Placed in July last year at 160p, the company's shares are now 365p, which has lifted its market value from £10.8 million to £26 million in 13 months. As a financial services company, its shares do not qualify for the tax relief available to other AIM stocks, giving it nothing to lose from the move up. Of AIM's 200 stocks, more than 70 finished the week valued at £20 million or more.

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1996 High	Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/−	Yld %	P/E
136	132	13.30	AFA Systems	133	...	...	...
134	109	16.20	AMCO Corp	114	...	5.5	16.0
78	72	15.40	AND Intl Pubg	72	...	...	...
58	18	2.37	Abacus Recruit	43	...	...	...
161	115	24.00	Active Imaging	131	− 7	...	...
210	123	30.20	A de Gruchy	205	...	3.7	16.0
20¼	7¼	14.40	African Gold	14	...	...	31.3
21½	13	5.87	Albemarle & Bd	15½	− 1	...	...
58	33	7.78	Alizyme	45	...	...	...
24	12	8.86	Alpha Omikron	12	− 1	...	...
480	380	46.00	Ann St Brewery	480	...	4.8	12.9
985	885	5.84	Ann St Cv Pf	985	+ 10	8.2	...
121	48	37.20	Antonov	51	− 4	...	...
9	8	1.89	Arion Props	8	...	...	...
81	33	28.50	Ashurst	33	− 15	...	...
141	68	22.20	Ask Central	138	+ 3	...	...
63	55	1.08	Athelney Trust	60	− 3	...	...
135	123	40.40	BATM Adv Comms	130	+ 2	...	...
6½	5½	7.08	Ballynatray	5½	...	...	40.4
26	17	5.65	Baris Hldgs	22	...	...	12.1
46	38	3.37	Belcanto	38	...	...	...
150	140	0.99	Bowness Leis	145	...	3.9	7.1
70	70		Bown Leis Cv Pf	70	...	...	...
70	41	8.68	Brancote Hdgs	50	+ 5	...	...
503	240	56.70	Brockbank	473	+ 5	1.9	...
124	116	13.10	CA Coutts Hldgs	123	+ 5	...	11.6
130	116	1.04	CCI Hldgs	130	+ 2	...	7.2
110	110	0.13	CCI Founder Shs	110	...	...	...
213	95	4.92	Cafe Inns	172	+ 2	1.7	14.2
75	55	7.76	Caledonian Tst	65	...	...	7.9
3½	2	2.53	Capital & Wstn	2¾	...	...	...
96	68	12.60	Cardcast	78	+ 8	0.8	17.7
41½	29	17.10	Card Clear	38	+ 2	...	...
108	91	9.43	Carisbrooke Ship	93	...	...	8.1
72	58	3.17	Cassidy Bros	58	...	6.5	...
48	41	2.09	Cavendish W	48	...	3.9	23.1
19	16	6.30	Celebrated Group	19	+ ¼	1.8	...
£325	6550	76.80	Celtic	£265	+1000	...	...
£275	6450		Celtic Pf Shs	£215	+1000	...	...
124	109	15.90	CI Comms(TV)	118	...	2.8	...
86	61	7.38	Charlwell Intl	65	...	...	...
100	53	105.10	Chelsea Village	88	+ 3	...	...
185	173	19.00	Circle Comms	175	...	...	...
140	131	21.60	Ciroqual	131	− 4	5.6	11.2
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	110	...	...	...
33	28	13.90	ClubPartners	33	...	...	...
510	500	12.00	Com de Prl Fin	500	...	...	...
19	15	8.94	Concurrent Tech	19	...	...	...
100	100	0.25	Conc Tech A Prf	100	...	...	...
100	100	0.20	Conc Tech B Prf	100	...	...	...
125	125	0.84	Conc Tech Rd Pf	125	...	...	...
225	225	0.17	Conc Tech Cv Pf	225	...	...	...
44	37	8.80	Conister Tst	40	...	5.0	10.0
86	58	15.70	Country Gdns	85	...	2.0	16.4
83	68	2.49	Cntry Gdns Pf	68	...	9.8	...
109	57	23.00	Creos Intl	64	− 3	...	...
63	48	21.70	Crown Products	48	− 2	...	...
377	152	27.50	DBS Management	365	− 5	4.1	10.6
36	32		Dalkeith Inns	32	...	...	...
75	61	3.30	David Glass	61	...	10.2	8.3
1700	860	90.70	Dawson Hldgs	1625	− 25	2.5	14.3
17	11	5.17	Dean Corp	12	...	2.1	...
375	305	34.40	Dicom	335	+ 10	...	77.3
85	78	12.50	Digital Anmtn	85	...	...	...
77	60	13.10	Dmatek	70	...	...	...
4	4	3.07	Drings of Bath	4	...	...	...
137	48	7.42	Easynet	52	− 1	...	...
153	148	31.10	Elec Retail Sys	148	...	...	...
200	85	58.70	Electrophoretics	90	− 10	...	...
116	61	21.00	Epic Multimedia	90	...	...	...
125	120	5.62	Euro Sales Fn	125	...	...	...
475	325		Farlake	445	...	...	...
53	41	2.52	Fayrewood	48	− 3	...	...
138	106	40.90	Fibernet	110	+ 4	...	...
65	58	2.90	Fieldens	58	...	...	...
260	75	5.77	Finl Pubis	245	...	...	...
188	45	14.10	Firecrest	60	− 10	...	25.6
183	168	34.50	First Intor	170	− 2	...	...
245	188	5.25	Flomerics	205	− 20	1.6	...
343	253	7.39	Floral St	288	− 10	0.4	13.1
193	136	16.90	Formscan	160	+ 2	1.6	20.8
35½	14	123.00	Freepages	33½	...	...	...
143	93	8.16	Furlong Homes	136	+ 1	2.3	12.0
12	8¼	34.90	Gander Hdgs	12	+ 1	...	...
21	16	23.30	Gold Mines Sardina	18	− 1	...	...
12	8	5.36	Gold Mines Sard Wts	10	...	...	...
50	31	0.82	Golden Land Inv	33	+ 2	...	...
22	9	2.70	Greenhills	9	− 2	...	...
150	145	33.40	Gulton	148	...	3.4	12.8
192	169	4.17	HIT Enter	189	...	...	61.4
41	18	1.83	Hansom	18	...	...	...
68	53	2.82	Hat Pin	64	+ 7	5.3	11.8
65	50	1.27	Hercules Prop	50	− 5	...	...
275	155	6.37	Heavitree	275	...	2.6	17.0
255	180	10.70	Heavitree A	245	...	2.9	15.1
138	120	157.60	Hiscox	128	− 2	2.4	...
80	65	0.82	Hurlingham	70	...	...	...
297	190	28.90	IES	190	− 15	0.4	...
280	175	3.61	IES Warrants	175	− 10	...	...
96	65	18.90	Ind Brit Hlthcre	74	− 2	...	...
134	105	12.70	Indpt Radio	127	− 2	...	...
88	63	11.40	Inner Workings	68	...	...	...
88	70	16.30	Intelligent Env	73	− 3	...	...
558	503	23.40	Intl Greetings	558	+ 10	3.4	...
160	108	36.70	IOC Intl	150	+ 9	...	...
103	83	3.99	Jasmin	98	+ 7	...	...
320	280	21.50	Jennings Bros	292	+ 2	2.7	21.0
5½	3½	5.37	Just Group	4	− ¼	...	...
3	2	0.36	Just Group Wrts	2	...	...	...
125	93	39.10	KS Biomedix	93	− 3	...	...
160	133	44.60	La Senza	133	− 12	...	...
180	137	28.20	Lancashire En	155	− 1½	3.2	14.2
300	210	15.20	Lawrence	250	...	0.8	...
3750	2550	60.70	Lawrie Group	3250	...	2.7	13.7
290	255	46.90	Le Riches Strs	283	...	7.1	...
15	12	0.75	Lite Numbers	15	...	...	...
6	2	0.19	Lite Numbrs Wts	6	...	...	...
95	85		London Asia Pc	85	...	...	...
6¾	2	62.70	Lon Fiduciary	4¼	− ¼	...	...
70	55	1.38	London Town	55	...	...	...
346¾	192½	30.80	Lorien Grp	270	+ 5¼	1.7	22.5
4¼	4	7.35	Lotteryking	4¼	...	...	...
1½	1	0.26	Lotteryking Wts	1½	...	...	...
25	15	10.10	Manx & O'seas	17	− 2	2.4	23.0
135	90	10.90	Marine & Merc S	90	...	...	...
125	110	2.51	Matrix Hlthcare	110	...	...	...
117	92	43.30	Megalomedia	94	+ 2	...	...
99	79		Megalomedia Wts	84	...	...	...
113	86	7.18	Mellek	103	− 2	3.0	14.7
475	45	30.90	Memory Corp	51	− 4	...	...
22	18	4.66	Metrodome Films	19	...	...	...
235	156	15.90	Moorepay	210	+ 5	2.9	18.0
200	67½	7.19	Mountcashel	95	...	...	19.8
203	148	30.30	Mulberry Group	153	+ 2	...	...
89	53	16.70	MultiMedia	58	− 1	...	...
19	17	1.25	NECA	17	− 1	...	...
340	285	23.80	NWF Grp	315	+ 27	3.3	...
210	175	13.70	Nash (Wm)	195	...	4.3	8.4
360	330	8.72	Neill Clark	340	+ 4	2.9	12.6
470	200	11.40	Neilson Cobbold	415	...	1.7	20.7
143	118	44.50	Network Tech	143	...	...	...
101	65		Norcity II	93	− 3	...	...
73	63		Norhomes	68	...	...	34.0
76	51	5.84	Nthn Petlm	51	− 2	...	...
8	8	0.13	Nthn Petlm Wts	8	...	...	...
70	53		Nthmb Res Prps	53	− 3	2.4	...
116	111	17.50	Nursing Home	113	...	1.3	32.1
147	85¾	17.80	Old English Pub	116	− 2	1.1	50.7
136	84	12.20	Omnicare	103	− 5	0.6	...
75	43	11.80	Omnimedia	48	− 3	...	...
123	66	24.60	Optical Care	106	− 2	...	...
3¼	1	25.20	Pacific Media	2	− ¼	...	...
263	43		Pacific Med Pf	235	...	...	...
109	17¼	40.30	Pan Andean Res	98	+ 7	...	...
200	180	4.78	Park Ests(Liv)	200	...	3.1	...
445	360	89.80	Pet City	370	+ 5	...	...
184	107	24.40	Polymasc Pharms	122	...	...	...
4	3½	8.74	Pordum Foods	4	...	...	...
2	1½	0.38	Pordum Fds Wts	1¾	...	...	...
565	400	6.70	Preston Nth E	520	− 5	...	...
105	101	16.50	Primary Hlth Pr	103	...	...	...
305	180	34.50	Prism Rail	265	...	...	...
67	32	5.66	Raphael Zrn	63	...	2.5	39.5
140	43	7.93	Reflec	115	− 7	...	...
6	4¾	1.61	Revelation Plc	5½	...	...	0.6
18	16	11.20	Riceman Insce	17	...	...	...
98	63	3.93	Romtec	76	− 2	...	...
4½	3	2.70	Rushmere Wynne	3	− ½	...	...
1¾	0¾	0.14	Rush Wyn Wrts	1½	...	...	...
126	31	3.19	SCS Satellite	31	...	...	...
75	68	15.40	SEA Multimedia	68	...	...	...
31	20	1.95	Scotswood Inds	28	...	4.5	26.5
39	23	4.28	Scott Pickford	34	− 3	3.3	13.1
68	28	13.50	Scott Pride	43	...	...	...
320	270	14.60	Scruttons	305	...	5.3	...
70	66	13.30	Selector	68	− 2	...	...
60	30	2.04	Self Sealing	35	...	...	...
3	2		Silkbarn	2	...	...	...
174	164	20.90	Sinclair Monirs	172	...	...	...
5	3½	8.24	Sira Bus Serv	4	...	...	...
1½	1½	0.29	Sira Bus Wrts	1½	...	...	...
91	83	5.31	Solid State Sp	85	+ 2	...	...
595	524	127.70	Southern News	530	...	3.8	13.9
68	50		Southern Vectis	68	...	...	...
289	225	32.30	Staffware	279	+ 5	...	...
615	255	63.30	Stanford Rook	328	− 20	...	...
201	75	13.10	Stentor	186	+ 6	...	...
315	122	27.50	Surrey Fr Inns	260	− 5	1.0	30.6
136	73	10.50	Syst Integ Rsch	78	− 1	...	...
915	415	26.20	TRACKER Netwk	495	− 20	...	...
185	125	30.10	Tradepoint Fcl	140	+ 5	...	...
55	38	5.77	Tele Cred Eur	51	...	...	...
43	25		Tele Cred Wrts	38	...	...	...
138	81	13.10	Theo Fennell	81	− 10	...	...
116	73	16.10	Toad	96	+ 3	...	...
56	43	3.25	Tom Hoskins	53	...	...	...
180	160	4.88	Trinity Care	160	...	3.8	9.7
170	165		Trinity Care Pf	170	...	...	...
75	46	352.80	Trocadero	71	+ 1	...	...
179	143	23.20	UNO	166	− 10	...	38.5
42	40	3.65	Univent	40	...	...	18.4
458	373	6.82	Utd Auctions	383	...	1.3	...
201¼	147¼	20.20	VDC	195	...	3.0	14.2
18½	13½	45.20	Versailles Grp	18½	...	1.3	19.5
650	130	8.40	Viewinn	280	− 55	...	...
428	232	8.05	Voss	300	...	...	...
19	13	3.58	Watermark	19	+ 2	...	...
15	7		Wedderburn Secs	10	...	...	...
5	3		Wedd Secs Wrnts	4	...	...	...
125	120	4.83	West 175	125	...	...	...
19	13	6.82	Western Selectn	13	− 1	...	47.9
6	5	0.31	Western Sel Wrt	5	...	...	...
31	26	2.95	Westmount Engy	28	...	...	45.3
95	90	3.71	Whitecross	90	...	...	...
163	140	22.20	Whittard Chelsea	140	− 3	...	...
75	46	5.87	W'chester M Md	53	− 5	...	...
145	100		Wynnstay Props	120	...	4.7	16.9
12	11	5.75	Xavier Comp	11	...	...	...
300	170	20.30	Zergo	220	− 10	...	...

Answers from page *34*

PATRILOCAL

(a) Applied to the custom in certain social groups for a married couple to settle in the husband's home or community, rather than living with *his mother-in-law*. From the Latin *pater* father + *locus* a place. "How could it be otherwise wherever patrilocal marriage occurs in conjunction with matrilineal descent?"

RIEGEL

(b) A low, transverse ridge of resistant bedrock on the floor of a glacial valley. From the Old High German *rigil* a bar, Middle High German *rigel* a crossbar for fastening. "Partly worn-down cross-valley bars of resistant rock ('riegels') remain, impounding lakes, though these have commonly been drained by rivers that have cut gorges through the riegels since the melting of the glaciers."

ONONDAGA

(c) One of the five (later six) tribes of the Iroquois Confederacy of North American Indians commonly called the Five Nations (Six Nations), traditionally living near Syracuse, New York. From the Onondaga *onōn-tā-ke* the hill, the name of the main Onondaga settlement. James Fenimore Cooper, *The Last of the Mohicans*, 1826: "The Mohawks, with their Tuscarora and Onondaga brethren."

PREVERB

(a) A particle or prefix preceding the stem of a verb. "In English, many compound verbs borrowed from French consisting of a preverb (commonly, but erroneously, called a preposition) and a base-word, and serving either as a noun or as a verb, are distinguished in their use by a difference of stress-accent."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Rh1+! 2 Kxh1 Qb8 and White is swiftly mated, e.g. 3 Bxg3 Qh8+ 4 Bh4 Qxh4+ 5 Kg1 Bh2+ 6 Kh1 Bg3+ 7 Kg1 Qh2 mate or 3 Nf2 Qb8+ 4 Nh3 Bxh3. Note that 1 ... Qb8 is less effective on account of 2 Nf2.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.08	1.93
Austria Sch	17.07	15.57
Belgium Fr	50.05	45.75
Canada $	2.226	2.066
Cyprus Cyp£	0.742	0.687
Denmark Kr	9.40	8.60
Finland Mkk	7.50	6.85
France Fr	8.15	7.50
Germany Dm	2.44	2.23
Greece Dr	380	355
Hong Kong $	12.58	11.58
Iceland	113	98
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93
Israel Shk	5.25	4.80
Italy Lira	2455	2300
Japan Yen	179.10	163.10
Malta	0.592	0.537
Netherlds Gld	2.718	2.483
New Zealand $	2.41	2.19
Norway Kr	10.39	9.59
Portugal Esc	246.00	227.50
S Africa Rd	7.52	6.72
Spain Pta	201.00	188.00
Sweden Kr	10.78	9.98
Switzerland Fr	1.99	1.81
Turkey Lira	132770	124770
USA $	1.642	1.512

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Competition is worth more than promises

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Any visit to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is worth missing. Directors of British Telecom agonised long before finally caving in to demands from its regulator and avoiding an appearance before this fickle corporate Nero. Well they might. BT had as much to fear from the tribunal as from giving Oftel unfettered powers, on behalf of competitors, to tell it what to do and what not to do.

Company and regulator are stuck with an uncomfortable fact. BT dominates most of its markets. Unless its management sinks into incompetence or the state agency sequesters its shareholders' property rights, it will surely continue to do so. When natural private monopolies are inherited, or built up by an innovator gaining dominance in a new market, that is unavoidable.

Common sense suggests we should avoid creating monopoly power artificially, via mergers, without good reason. Big fish will abuse their power, as modern business practice demands, or have to be regulated by rules, undertakings and bureaucratic surveillance. As regulators will testify, that is a poor substitute for a competitive market. Why then do the Government and the Office of Fair Trading seem so keen to fall into this trap?

Every other week, some market-grabbing takeover, often in the bus trade, is waved through in exchange for a sheaf of solemn signed paper undertakings that pledge management to deny its basic business instincts. John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, is becoming a Neville Chamberlain wavealike. Like his well-meaning model, he is surely storing up trouble for customers or competitors.

When Parliament changed the rules on merger-vetting, encouraging deals to be struck at the OFT in lieu of a reference to the MMC, it aimed to save time in straightforward cases rather than make it easier to create monopolies. Granada's bid for Forte, for example, aimed to take Granada into hotels rather than to increase the combined group's monopoly power. Sorting out the incidental overlap of the two companies' motorway service areas was therefore a suitable case for plea-bargaining at the OFT.

Where the main object or effect of a merger is to strengthen market power, the fast track approach is harder to justify. This policy is about to face two stern tests.

Last week Stagecoach, a regular client of the competition authorities in its bus business and now a train operator, made an agreed offer for one of the three rolling stock companies carefully separated out by the Government in its costly attempt to create a new "competitive" railway market. Stagecoach wants to bid for all the remaining train service franchises, so it is clearly intent on building as commanding a presence in railways as it has worked for in buses. The bid was duly accompanied by a written offer to the OFT, promising not to indulge in a series of potential anti-competitive practices.

Bass, the brewing and leisure group, has an even more daring proposition. It has spent months trying to concoct a cocktail of minor sales and promises that might persuade the OFT and Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to allow it to gain control of between 36 and 40 per cent of the beer market. The object is to avoid the MMC inquiring whether its acquisition of Carlsberg-Tetley is in the public interest.

These efforts are understandable, but deserve to fail. To start with, both Stagecoach and Bass have a history of gregarious anti-competitive behaviour. Only last year, the MMC reported that Stagecoach's treatment of a now-deceased bus competitor was, not unusually for the industry, "predatory, deplorable and against the public interest".

Bass, in common with most big brewers, has long relied on tied outlets and restrictive trading contracts to sell its beer. The MMC expended much misplaced effort trying to reform the industry and make it compete for consumers' favours. In response, big brewers have sought to bolster monopolistic power through mergers.

If these deals go through, the rail regulator and OFT beer-watchers will be on overtime for years. They may soon be armed with laws giving the authorities the sort of sweeping powers against anti-competitive behaviour that Oftel has won from BT.

Such rules are inherently unsatisfactory. There is no clear line between normal, healthily aggressive attempts to outsmart the competition and what may be judged illegal. Loyalty bonuses, quantity discounts, packaging of services or sole supply deals may be acceptable practice for a company breaking into a market but unacceptable for one with a big market share. Indeed, companies may find that success turns pro-competitive virtues into anti-competitive vices. That is bad law.

In merger policy, promises are therefore no match for the reality of competition. A scheme to boost market power deserves to be vetted against the public interest test applied by the MMC. If management begrudges the effort to argue its case and endure a few months of uncertainty, it should not attempt such a merger in the first place. If the City sees the hiatus of an MMC inquiry as "blocking" a takeover, that is just one more case of myopia frustrating business strategy.

The Labour Party wants to change competition rules so that they presume mergers are guilty rather than innocent and oblige their promoters to justify them in the public interest. This is a long-standing policy so it may be jettisoned. If not, there is much to be said for it. There would, however, be one vital *quid pro quo* for any presumption against mergers. When the public interest balance is struck (or when Oftel makes its rulings), raising returns to shareholders should itself count as a powerful public benefit.

The market for soft drinks with a kick is booming, says **Martin Waller**

Battle to be top of the alco-pops

Young drinkers enjoying Hooch, Bass's contribution to the market, with annual sales of about £200 million

Take a few quarts of industrial alcohol — ethyl, not methyl, we wouldn't want any unfortunate side-effects. Add water (tap will do), sugar, fruit, herbs and spices, flavourings, assorted E numbers and the contents of that Body Shop gift basket you haven't opened since Christmas. Stir well.

You have just created this summer's best-selling cocktail, your contribution to a market worth upwards of £250 million and growing faster than the statisticians can count. Participants prefer the term alcoholic carbonates, but they are best known as alco-pops.

If half a decade ago you had told one of the big drinks groups they would be falling over themselves to create sweet, fizzy soft drinks spiked with alcohol and worryingly attractive to under-age drinkers, they would never have believed you. They would never have believed you last summer either, in spite of the arrival from Australia of an alcoholic lemonade called Two Dogs and the launch by Bass of the strangely similar Hooch.

Industry insiders say there are currently 89 alco-pops on the market, including the brand leaders and the shelves of knock-off imitations at every big supermarket. That figure is certainly wrong, because since the last census more will have arrived.

Stats MR, the independent research consultant, says the alco-pops market, at the retail level, is worth £250 million. This figure is also wrong. Hooch sales are about £200 million a year, Bass maintains, which would give it 80 per cent of that estimate. Merrydown, the original importer and now brewer of Two Dogs, does not release sales figures but says it has 25 per cent. There is no reason to disbelieve either company — the total is simply growing too fast to measure.

The industry is desperate to deny that the product is aimed at under-age drinkers, serving as a teenage bridge between fizzy pop and the hard stuff — a role traditionally filled by cider, which has a market of £1 billion. But the packaging is suspiciously close to soft drinks such as Snapple and Oasis. A recently launched range of "alcoholic seltzers" comes in bottles deliberately reminiscent of soft drinks from 1950s America.

If it is true the drinks mainly attract less experienced drinkers, then their future would seem secure. "Is it here to stay?" ponders one City analyst. "There's clearly a large element of fashionability attached to Hooch and some of the other products. Plus, it's partly a function of timing, launching a product such as this in very good weather of the sort we have seen last summer and in May and June this year. The one thing they won't tell us is how well do they sell at Christmas?"

He accepts that there will have to be an almighty crash eventually, and a culling of the insane number of brands, as happened in the premium lager and cider markets that were once showing similar growth. But thereafter the survivors will, like Disney videos, find a new market arriving year after year, even if they will each have to work hard to maintain their place.

"They are going to be around in one guise or another even if the brands aren't," says the analyst. "These are fashion-driven products for younger consumers, among whom it's more difficult to maintain brand loyalty."

Earlier this year, the industry's own trade body, the Portman Group, introduced a voluntary code that required the dropping of words such as "lemonade" in favour of "lemon brew", for example, a move anticipated by the makers of Hooch and Two Dogs. Any link with under-age drinking will never be proven.

What is clear is that drinks with names like "Stunn" and "Blitz" are aimed at consumers more concerned with their effect than their taste. They sell in 330ml bottles, a convenient size also favoured by lagers and ciders. The alcoholic content is the same, varying from 4 per cent, at which level, and below, less tax is payable, up to 5.5 per cent, comparable with Pils lagers. The strongest ciders, such as Diamond White, are more than 8 per cent, which is into the Tennants Extra league.

"It's a market where the barriers to entry are very low. There's not much advertising spent on these products," the City analyst points out. Not much is needed. Three quarters of brewing output goes to the own-trade, and the brewers all have their own tied estate through which their respective product can be funnelled. But again, loyalty is limited. "Will people switch pubs because it does or doesn't sell Hooch? Clearly not," he adds.

None of the consumers of this new product have much idea what they are drinking. There are two sorts of alco-pops, best categorised as brews and concoctions. Brews, the two market leaders and a few others, start with a yeast-fermented fruit base to create the alcohol. With Two Dogs, it really is lemons, a reflection of the drink's history — it was created by an Australian micro-brewer as a way of using up his neighbour's surplus lemon crop. Given the awfulness of most Australian beers, its subsequent success Down Under is no surprise.

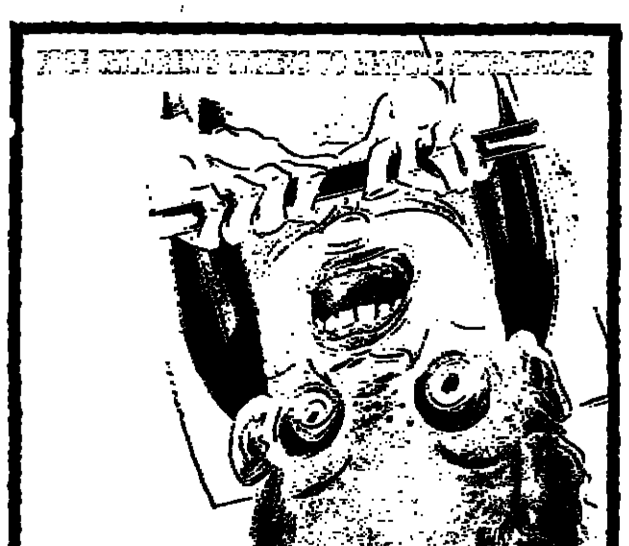
Both brands then add water, sugar, fruit juice and plant extracts. The other method is to produce the alcohol from sugar and yeast alone, no fruit at all, and then add the above. The latest rage is for "natural" ethnic ingredients — guarana, a berry "used by Amazon indians to combat fatigue", it says here, is a favourite. This is where your Body Shop basket comes in.

These are the concoctions. Within them there is a hair-fine line between using alcohol made from sugar and yeast, as Bass does with its new Red drink featuring yet more guarana, and bringing in truckloads of the stuff from industrial producers. No one admits to doing this, or knowing anyone who does, but they exist. Richard Purdey, chairman of Merrydown, comments: "We don't spend an awful lot of time ... finding out what our competitors are doing." A Bass spokeswoman echoes him: "I don't think we examine what other people do in that level of detail."

But Mr Purdey admits he would be surprised if such creations do not exist. "It's perfectly legitimate. There's nothing to say you can't do that — what would be illegal would be to pursue that method and then describe it as a fermented product."

The key, therefore, is the word "brewed" on the label. This means some method vaguely analogous with traditional brewing skills, involving fruit, has been used at some stage, which may be a comfort to some.

If the word is lacking, you are probably drinking a concoction. As any home brewer knows, you can make alcohol out of anything containing sugar or starch. The potable alcohol forming the base of the latest alco-pop may have started its life in a potato or sugar beet field. The only limits are human imagination — and the ever-widening boundaries of human taste.



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Uphill battle for Unesco cash

BAD NEWS awaits Denis MacShane, Labour MP for Rotherham, on his return from his fortnight's holiday, climbing in France with his four children. Two leading British firms have already refused his plea to contribute £11 million to allow Britain to rejoin Unesco, the UN body covering education, scientific and cultural work.

In a letter to firms, including BT, British Aerospace, ICI and Shell, MacShane dismisses the Foreign Office's fight with the Education Department over whose budget should pay for Unesco re-entry. He writes: "This is rather childish, and I hope that private finance might be willing to help the Government out of a hole."

Highway patrol

DAVID CROSSLAND, chairman of Airtours, needs his wife to keep him in check. In the *Director* magazine, he cites his greatest extravagance as the house in Pacific Palisades, California, he bought at a "giveaway" price. "I have been known to go there for the weekend — which my wife, Anne, thinks is crazy," he admits. "One day I would quite like a Harley-Davidson motorbike so I can go up and down the Pacific Coast highway — but Anne says I can't have one until I retire."

Crossland: denied a Harley

Red a dare

ORANGE, the telecommunications giant, has turned down the chance to transform a Nomura trader into a punk and dye his hair the company's trademark colour. Plans to give 39-year-old Clive Richmond a mohican, to raise money for the Bobath Centre, a clinic for children with cerebral palsy, were shelved at the eleventh hour. So far, £15,000 has been raised, and the securities firm is deep in talks with a "high-flying" company that hopes to colour Richmond's coiffure red.

Doctors' order

If you want to get ahead, you should learn to wield a poodle brush rather than a scalpel. A survey in September's *Esquire* magazine, shows dog groomers on £16,000, piano tuners on £23,000 and tube drivers on £25,000, putting them ahead of many doctors and lecturers. Newly qualified doctors start under £15,000 and registrars can earn as little as £20,500, while university lecturers start on £13,100. If you want really big money, go for the law: top QCs are the highest paid professionals with up to £500,000.

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RADIO CHOICE

Nasty work in the attic

The Donahue Sisters. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

The three sisters in Geraldine Aron's dark play, meeting after a long separation, are clearly not going to be content with exchanging tales of woe about their married lives. And, sure enough, as thunder begins to rumble, and it starts to rain, and Anthea Gomez's spooky music becomes even more sinister, the siblings make preparations to re-enact in their old attic a nasty episode from childhood. The fact that they treat it as a game makes it more shocking, not less. Frances Tomelty, Anny Tobin and Maureen O'Brien play the sisters. The play arrives bearing prizes won in drama festivals, and director Sue Wilson has done it proud on radio.

Jazz Notes. *Radio 3, 12.30am.* **First Bass.** *Radio 3, 4.30pm.*

Two recommendable jazz programmes. *Jazz Notes* packs into 30 minutes saxophonist Barbara Thompson's long lifetime of composing and performing. Her classical training shows in everything she does. What is beyond belief is that she had no jazz training. Inexplicably, the BBC Proms have not acknowledged her existence, and I urge the Proms supremo, Radio 3 Controller Nicholas Kenyon, to listen to *Jazz Notes* tonight to discover what he has missed. *First Bass* continues with Alyn Shipton prompting the semi-legendary bassist Ray Brown to recall his years with Dizzy Gillespie. Shipton sounds as surprised as I was to hear Brown disclose that he was once sacked by Gillespie. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Kevin Greening **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow, live from Marine Sands in Margate **12.30pm** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** John Peel's Classic Radio 1 Sessions. With tracks *from Paul Weller, Suede and Ian* McCulloch and Stereolab (7/8) **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Judi Spiers **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Steve Wright at the Movies **7.30** Malcolm Laycock **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Jazz Score **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Sue McGarry **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl at **6.55**, **7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mar **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.05** Actuality **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** Games that Changed Football. A look at the matches that have changed the way the game is played **8.05** Parkinson on Sport **9.05** Sportstrack **9.35** On the Job, with Lesley Curwen **10.05** News Talk, with Mike Baker **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the Hour. **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.05** Olympic Sportsworld **7.30** Andy Kershaw **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** The Vintage Chart Show **9.15** Good Lookers **9.45** Music Through Stained Glass **10.05** Business **10.15** Anything Goes **10.45** Sport **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Omnibus **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Andy Kershaw **3.05** Outlook **3.30** John Peel **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **7.30** Brain of Britain **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Legal Rights, Legal Wrongs **10.45** The World of Computers **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Record News **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** Global Concerns **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Meridian **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto. Strauss (Oboe Concerto) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Boieldieu (Sonata for flute and harp) **7.00** Celebrity Choice (r) **8.00** Evening Concert. Leopold Mozart (Toy Symphony, Children's Symphony); Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (String Quartet in D); Leopold Mozart (Horn Concerto in D; Peasant Wedding); Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Symphony No 40 in G minor) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Elgar (Wand of Youth Suite No 1); Telemann (Overture-Suite in B *flat*, Burlesque); Strauss (Romance in F); Handel (Sinfonia from Saul); Arriaga (Overture: Los esclavos felices); Respighi (Brazilian Impressions)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Includes Ravel (Rapsodie espagnole); Tchaikovsky (Sextet in D minor, Op 70, Souvenir de Florence), Elgar (Pomp and Circumstance March No 4 in G)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Wolf-Ferrari (Overture: La dama boba) **10.09** *Proms Artist of the Week*: Simon Preston, organ. Franck (Choral No 1 in E); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in F minor, BWV 857); Diepenbrock (Hymne) **11.37** D'Albert (Piano Concerto No 2 in E)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Igor Stravinsky

1.00pm Proms Chamber Music 1996. Sally Burgess, mezzo, John Lenehan, piano, Haffner Ensemble, under Nicholas Daniel, oboe. Ravel, arr Jones (Le tombeau de Couperin); Chausson (Chanson perpetuelle); Falla (Concerto for harpsichord and five instruments); Ravel (Trois poemes de Stephane Mallarme)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under David Atherton. With Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, Michael Thompson, horn. Rossini (Overture: The Barber of Seville); Britten (Serenade for tenor, horn and strings); Mozart (Horn Concerto No 2 in E *flat*, K417); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3 in A *minor*, Scottish)

3.45 Voices. Ian Bostridge, tenor, performs songs by Schumann, Brahms and Wolf. Accompanied by Julius Drake, piano (r)

4.30 First Bass. See Choice (2/6)

5.00 The Music Machine, with Sarah Walker

5.15 In Tune. Presented by Natalie Wheen. Nancarrow (Studies for player-piano); John Adams, arr Odom (Short Ride in a Fast Machine)

6.25 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall in London Handel's *Semele*. Rosemary Joshua, soprano, Reinhard Hagen, bass, Charlotte Hellekant, mezzo, Michael Chance, countertenor, Chorus and Orchestra of Les Arts Florissants, under William Christie Act 1 **7.25** Semele: an English Opera? Derek Alsop examines the history of Handel's *oratorio* **7.45** *Act 2* **8.30** Congreve's Final Years, with Peter Holland **8.50** Act 3

10.15 The Colours of Music. Philip Dodd begins an exploration into the relationship between art and music (1/4) (r)

10.45 Mixing It, with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall

11.30 Composer of the Week: Handel (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes. See Choice

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Beethoven and Schubert **2.20** Motets and Madrigals by Lassus and Philippus de Monte **3.00** Mozart and Bernstein **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am *Shipping Forecast* (**LW** only) **6.00** News *Briefing* **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Notes from a Small Island (1/5) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Soapbox. The last of the series with Andrew Neil and guests

10.00 News; Big Bang (FM only). The innovative science programme written and presented by Jez Nelson

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 Inside Money. A look at the Inland Revenue self assessment scheme (4/6) (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Chris Choi

12.25pm Brain of Britain 1996 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Ben Bradshaw

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Pioneers, Oh Pioneers. Richard O'Sullivan and Jilly Bond star in Nigel Gearing's play, based on a short story by Jean Rhys set in turn-of-the-century Dominica (r)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker considers why there are so few women conductors and celebrates the music of Stravinsky as the Proms mark the 25th anniversary of his death

4.45 Short Story: Holy Spirit in the Phone Box, by Kath Mackay. Read by Janet Maw

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 *Old Harry's Game. A* comedy series set in Hell by Andy Hamilton. Satan begins to feel self-concious about his appearance With Andy Hamilton, James Grout and Jimmy Mulville (4/6) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Deep Season: One for the Pot. Lionel Kelleway hunts down crab and lobster in South Wales (2/4) (r)

7.45 The Monday Play: The Donahue Sisters. See Choice

8.45 Mind over Music. Peter Evans investigates the psychology of making music. Is it a talent you are born with or can maestros be made from anyone? (2/4) (r)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Changes of Address. Juliet Stevenson reads Lee Langley's novel, abridged by Yvonne Antrobus (6/10) (r)

11.00 No Illusions. Francine Stock presents five late-night discussion programmes on current controversial subjects. Tonight's programme deals with the BSE crisis, which illustrated how unprepared Britain is for problems in food production

12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Secret History. William Hope reads Donna Tartt's bestselling thriller Adapted by Brian McCabe (6/15) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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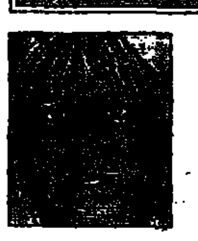
A hungry interviewer won't leave you fed-up



Lynne Truss

Early Sunday risers who are also devotees of Radio 4 experience each week a vicarious breakfast with a British farmer. The programme is *On Your Farm*, and to wake up to it in a house frequently bare of groceries is one of the greatest tortures I know. "Ah, the sizzle of bacon," enthuses Oliver Walston, the eternal breakfaster — as the radio lets off a whiff of spicy coffee, and you can hear jolly boiling eggs drum their heels in a heavy-bottomed pan. "Are these your own Lincolnshire sausages?" he asks: and then "Of course they are!" As I lie in bed listening to this feast (which is actually a clever device for disguising talk of crop subsidies and beet fungus) I picture the meagre knob of White Flora residing in my fridge in lonely splendour, and shed a small, hot tear. "More toast?" asks the farmer's wife. "Yes please," I reply, forgetting myself.

The much-breakfasted Walston was brought to mind with some force on Saturday by Channel 4's **The Middle Ages**. For Ray Gosling (formerly a stalwart of Radio 4, of course) has taken the snackalong idea with him into television, and it works a treat. Wherever Gosling interviews people (all middle-aged people this time; that's his theme), there seems to be an implicit contract that he visits their homes and picks up a solid meal to pad his skinny ribs. All comply. And thus, instead of the usual "noddy" reaction shots — interviewer nodding thoughtfully — Gosling does "guzzlies". He nods, yes; but at the same time cheerfully hands home-made fruitcake down his throat, or tips his face towards a stalk of celery loaded with creamy dip.

Gosling is a mannered, idiosyncratic and brilliant broadcaster whose trademarks are the archly unnatural pause mid-sentence, the disingenuous whine, and above all the unkempt look of a moth-eaten evacuee. If he eats a lot on the job, it's not because he's an incorrigible gourmand, it's because he is a man suggestive of a knob of White Flora in the fridge. So he tackles the grub with both hands, and his hosts watch him with the sort of indulgent pleasure usually reserved for pet owners. Indeed, if he knelt on the table and started pushing the food around with his nose, you feel that pride and happiness would positively swell in their chests.

One's attention gets distracted by all this scoffing, obviously. But Gosling is a generous chap, and he pretends (at least) that the conversation is as good as the food. This week he featured a couple newly married at 40, expecting their first baby (heaps of food, there); a spurned wife of 50 (nice salad on a plate); and a couple coping with the impact of breast cancer (crudités and dips).

This first programme of *The Middle Ages* was a bit inconsequential, to be honest; but on the other hand, so is life, which is why we might as well make the best of it. Interviewing the divorced Tricia, Gosling pointed out (between mastications) how things might have been different. She put down her knife and fork. "Of *course* it might have been different," she trilled; "You *are* funny!"

This unusually chummy outburst just goes to prove how people lower their guard when they are not intimidated by their interviewer; when they see him, in fact, as just a starving man in need of a haircut.

The big telly event of the weekend was ITV's Sunday night drama **The English Wife**, a two-hour film written by David Reid about a meek, wide-eyed nanny in France called Elena (Geraldine O'Rawe) who never did very much yet somehow ended up a double murderer, absconding with the child she loved after killing his parents in a remote farmhouse. It was an engrossing story, shot in rural France with white mists and crumbling stone; and surprisingly it defied most clichés. For example, the unloved little boy Bertrand (Jamie O'Brien) had a speech difficulty: surely he would speak at a key moment? Would he yell a warning? "Two years later" said a caption, and Bertrand raised his hand in class — would he speak fluently now? But it was no good second-guessing this kid. When he finally got the words out, they were "Maman" and "Papa", which was a bit ungrateful of the little tyke, if you ask me.

A drama so hard to anticipate is unusual on prime-time telly. For most of *The English Wife*, it was impossible to guess whether things would end happily, or in disaster. When the household scissors were sharpened (with meaningful grinding and sparks), it was obvious they would be useful later on, but not that they would be plunged into Zoë Wanamaker's back.

Meanwhile the love story, between Elena and the serious, upwardly-mobile student Alain (Stanislas Carré De Malberg) ran athwart the customary tracks, too, since Alain continued to love Elena even when he discovered she was not Bertrand's mother, and that the excitement of adultery didn't come into it.

The English Wife was well acted and beautifully made, but it didn't leave you with much to think about. When it finished, it lifted and dispersed like mist. Not like Grey Sex on BBC2 last night, then: which will never be forgotten by anyone who saw it. Taking a potentially tacky subject (imagine a Carlton version) this film about sex in old age was frank, delicate and (amazingly) in no way condescending.

The interviewees were all heroes — especially the bearded man who demonstrated his wonderful penis-assisting hand-pump, while his wife giggled beside him. How exciting it must be in bed with this man, listening to that pump action in the mornings with your eyes closed tight. "It could be balloons! Or it might be the other thing! But either way, hoorah!"

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (68834)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (99105)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (2203037)
9.20 Olympic Grandstand — the Closing Ceremony. Desmond Lynam introduces another chance to see the closing ceremony (r) (s) (90675766)
12.00 News, Regional News & Weather (Ceefax) (1956124)
12.05pm The Alphabet Game (s) (4126327)
12.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (6957230)
1.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (92292)
1.30 Regional News & Weather (42248679)
1.40 Small Talk (r) (Ceefax) (s) (58287785)
2.10 Lovejoy (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3410637)
3.00 Unspeakable Verse. Hugh Laurie, Miriam Margolyes and Leo McKern celebrate the best of British and American comic verse (r) (7085230)
3.20 The Flying Doctors (Ceefax) (s) (9558018)
4.50 Knots Landing (r) (s) (4104835)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (905698)
6.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (376)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (308)
7.00 The Good Food Show. Juliet Morris gets unprecedented access to the kitchens of *Le Chateau Anglais*, fictional home to Lenny Henry in the comedy-drama *Chef*. Plus a look at the nation's changing tastes (Ceefax) (s) (4211)
7.30 The Rantzen Report: ME — The Secret of an Epidemic. (1/3) (Ceefax) (s) (292)
8.00 EastEnders. Sarah makes a discovery that angers Tony. Cindy learns that David is on the move (Ceefax) (s) (3719)
8.30 Oh Doctor Beeching! There are surprises in store for Wilfrid and May (Ceefax) (s) (9766)
9.00 News; Regional News and **Weather** (Ceefax) (3196)
9.30 Out of the Blue. A new series about the South Yorkshire CID officers of Brazen Gate police station (Ceefax) (s) (415785)
10.25 The X Files. An eight-year-old girl found shivering in the street is the only witness to the unexpected death of a detective questioning her (r) (Ceefax) (s) (470872)
11.10 NEW **Match of the Seventies.** Dennis Waterman introduces the series which mixes classic football action from the 1970s with music and gossip from the time. The story of the 1976-77 season saw *Liverpool begin to* dominate the game in England and in the rest of Europe. Includes interviews with Emlyn Hughes, Ray Clemence and Tommy Docherty (Ceefax) (946785)
11.50 FILM: Plain Clothes (1988). A rookie cop goes undercover at his old high school to clear his brother of a murder charge. In his student guise, he discovers a web of sex, blackmail and murder, attracts the attention of his home-room teacher and falls for the gym mistress's daughter. With Arliss Howard, George Wendt, Seymour Cassel, Dianne Ladd, Suzy Amis and Larry Pine. Directed by Martha Coolidge (962853)
1.20am-1.25 Weather (2223821)

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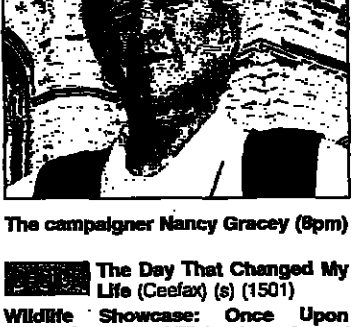
BBC2

6.00am Open University: Learning About Leadership (3075766) **6.25 Britain and the Global Economy** (4762056)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6303582)
7.30 The Family Ness (r) (8556785) **7.35 Johnson and Friends** (r) (5311376) **7.45 Lassie** (r) (1135143) **8.10 Smurfs' Adventures** (5755414) **8.30 To Me ... to You** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (8510899) **9.05 Spiderman** (r) (s) (2293650) **9.25 Smart** (r) (s) (7810921) **9.55 Poddington Peas** (s) (7454037) **10.00 Playdays** (7464414)
10.25 Man in a Suitcase (Ceefax) (2136834)
11.15 A Passion for Angling (r) (s) (9395679)
12.05pm The Addams Family (b/w) (r) (s) (6184124) **12.30 Making Tracks** (r) (18143) **1.00 Model Millie** (r) (45273969) **1.15 A-Z of Food** (24295766) **1.25 Wear It Well** (45252476)
1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceefax) (s) (8323327) **2.20 Crawshaw Paints on Holiday** (r) (87689292) **2.45 A Life of Knowledge** (r) (4746056) **3.00 News 3.05 The Natural World** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1106105) **3.55 News**
4.00 Cartoon (5869940) **4.05 Fudge** (Ceefax) (s) (3629501) **4.30 It'll Never Work** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (105) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (6982637) **5.10 Sara** (Ceefax) (s) (4672747)
5.35 FILM: Ring of Fire (1961) with David Jenssen, Joyce Taylor and Frank Gorshin. A small town deputy sherrif is *taken prisoner after arresting a gang for* robbing a petrol station. Directed by Andrew L. Stone (4138766)
7.00 Olympic Grandstand — the Closing Ceremony. Desmond Lynam presents *highlights of last night's* closing ceremony from Atlanta (s) (2655)



The campaigner Nancy Gracey (8pm)

8.00 The Day That Changed My Life (Ceefax) (s) (1501)
8.30 Wildlife Showcase: Once Upon Australia. Nick Hilligloss's animated potted history of the continent's wildlife (Ceefax) (s) (7308)
9.00 Steptoe and Son. Classic comedy with Wilfred Brambell and Harry H. Corbett (r) (Ceefax) (8018)
9.30 Life Without End. An insight into the latest developments in America to slow the ageing process (32853)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (379817)
11.15 Oldie TV. First of three irreverent late-night magazines (s) (654292). Followed by Weatherview
12.00 NEW **Grace Under Fire.** American comedy about a divorced mother-of-three. With Brett Butler (41032)
12.30am The Learning Zone: Open University: Persisting Dreams (85148) **1.30 Learning About Leadership** (93790) **2.00 Summer Nights: Great Outdoors Collection 1** (74099) **4.00 When in France/Diez Temas** (71780) **5.30-6.00** ***RCN Nursing Update*** *(42761)*

CHOICE

The Rantzen Report: ME — the Secret Epidemic

BBC1, 7.30pm

Esther Rantzen's new campaigning series gets off to an explosive start, and it is all thanks to Dr Thomas Stuttaford, medical columnist of *The Times*. What enrages a studio full of ME sufferers is Stuttaford's contention that the illness is a form of depression. Rubbish, retorts a former head teacher, who says she was not depressed in the slightest but still had the ME symptoms of inability to speak or think properly and loss of muscle power. Other victims, some confined to wheelchairs, also bridle at the suggestion that ME is all in the mind. There are tragic cases here, and horrifying tales of misdiagnosis. What emerges from the programme, a typical Rantzen mix of showbusiness and concern, is that an illness which wrecks many lives is so little understood and has no known cure.

The Day That Changed My Life: Ironing in the Dark

BBC2, 8.00pm

Life changed for Nancy Gracey, a Belfast mother of nine, when her son, Patrick, was taken onto a piece of waste ground and knee-capped by the IRA. Furious at the outrage, she confronted the local IRA godfather, called him a murderous bastard and promised to expose his activities. She got herself in the papers and on television and set up Fait, Families Against Intimidation and Terror. It took courage. In the early days she was so terrified of reprisals that she stayed up all night, doing the ironing in her back kitchen. But she helped many victims of punishment beatings to find safe houses and even to flee the country. Six years on, having parted company with Fait in unhappy circumstances, Gracey is still fighting and, she admits, still frightened. She tells her story robustly and with no regrets.

In Suspicious Circumstances

ITV, 9.00pm

More long-forgotten crimes are dusted down, dramatised and served up for our delectation by Edward Woodward. Those with very long memories may feel that this sort of thing was done more effectively on the radio by Edgar Lustgarten. And more cheaply, because Lustgarten not only narrated but did all the voices. But it is no good being nostalgic. Tonight's double bill features cases from the 1920s which tap the British fascination with bad behaviour in outwardly respectable society. Arthur Goslett's speciality was being married to several women at the same time. The only wonder is that this serial bigamy went undetected for so long. The other tale is about two Old Etonians fighting over the same woman. Murder trials resulted in each case, but with different outcomes.

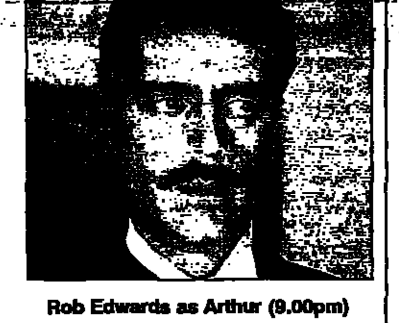
Out of the Blue

BBC1, 9.30pm

Back for a second series, the Yorkshire-based detective show continues to display a high standard of competence from all concerned. A mould-breaker it is not, but sharp writing, busy camerawork and crisp editing help to sustain plots that we have seen a dozen times *before*. John Duttine heads a nicely variegated team of characters, augmented this time by David Morrissey from *The Knock*. Authenticity takes a dive when one of the cops gets too hastily intimate with a woman suspect, but otherwise the personal and professional lives are convincingly mixed. Tonight's investigations concern a missing baby, who was apparently snatched from a bus station, and a respectable middle-aged man accused of taking far from respectable photographs. **Peter Waymark**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (17698)
9.25 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (r) (Teletext) (s) (7823495) **9.50 Hope and Gloria** (5259476) **10.20 News** (Teletext) (5575834) **10.25 Regional News** (5574105)
10.30 FILM: Marilyn and Me (1991) with Susan Griffiths and Terry Moore. Dramatisation of the alleged love affair between journalist Robert Slatzer and Marilyn Monroe. Directed by John Patterson (40915476)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1952308)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (6950327)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (6935018) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (6792018) **2.00 Home and Away** *(Teletext) (s) (87696582)* ***2.25 Dr Quinn,*** **Medicine Woman** (r) (s) (6660150)
3.20 News (Teletext) (1042872)
3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (1041143)
3.30 Caribou Kitchen (7972829) **3.40 Tots TV** *(3258124)* ***3.50 St Tiggywinkles*** (3254308) **4.00 Scooby Doo** (4919619) **4.15 The Famous Five** (863037) **4.45 The Great Dinosaur Trail** (1599679)
5.10 NEW **Our House.** Looking at some of the unusual places some people call home (s) (5996143)
5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (798495)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (994143)
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (103096)
6.50 Let's Go (468563)
7.00 The List (6679)
7.30 Coronation Street. Audrey looks for somebody to blame (360)
8.00 Classic Cooper. Highlights from the career of the late Tommy Cooper (Teletext) (5327)
8.30 Take Your Pick (Teletext) (4834)



Rob Edwards as Arthur (9.00pm)

9.00 In Suspicious Circumstances. Edward Woodward introduces sensational dramatisations of two crime mysteries (Teletext) (s) (6143)
10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (85327)
10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (294259)
10.40 Limited Edition. Examining the events which led to a black soldier being sentenced to death for the rape of a white woman in 1944 (r) (830218)
11.10 Inner Journeys (r) (s) (644230) **11.40 Tropical Heat** (r) (s) (121132) **12.40 Bushell on the Box** (s) (8383612) **1.10 The Big Match — Replayed** (7869186) **1.55 The Crime Hour** (1133693)
2.55 FILM: Undercover Girl (1957, b/w) with Paul Carpenter, Kay Callard and Monica Grey. The brother of a murdered journalist sets out to find his killer. Directed by Francis Searle (2350524)
4.05 Jones and Jury (r) (s) (64254070) **4.30 The Time ... the Place** (r) (s) (89001) **5.00 An Invitation to Remember** (r) (51506) **5.30 News** (79815)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:
5.10pm-5.40 Yan Can Cook (5996143)
6.25 Wales Tonight (136018)
7.00-7.30 Artyfax (6679)
10.40 People Like Us (830218)
11.10 Film: Curiosity Kills (370698)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
10.30am Murder, She Wrote (5460872)
11.25 Side Effects (9625327)
12.55pm Coronation Street (6935018)
1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (83546834)
1.55 Home and Away (58278037)
2.25 Wild About Cornwall *(87606969)*
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1012259)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5996143)
6.00 Westcountry Live (80360)
7.00-7.30 Celebrity Squares (6679)
10.40 Hot Spots (830218)
11.10 Street Legal (864582)
12.10am Short Story Cinema (5337273)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
10.30 Murder, She Wrote (5460872)
11.25 Side Effects (9625327)
12.55pm Home and Away (6935018)
1.25 Cross Wits (83546834)
1.55 A Country Practice (89276476)
2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (4350817)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5996143)
6.25 Central News and Weather (136018)
7.00-7.30 Celebrity Squares (6679)
10.40 Film: Night of the Hunter (64359501)
12.45 The Big Match Replayed (6978780)
1.25 The Crime Hour (3644099)
2.25 Jones and Jury (9783815)
2.50 Film: A Little of What You Fancy (4415167)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 9.50-10.20 Sandokan (5259476) **10.30 Worzel Gummidge** (60018) **11.00 Dogtanian** (5504698) **11.25** ***Beakman's World*** *(5507785)* **11.55 Dungeons and Dragons** (5697722) **12.55pm Coronation Street** (6935018) **1.25 Home and Away** (83546834) **1.55 Shortland Street** (58278037) **2.25 Blue Heelers** (6860358) **5.10 Home and Away** (5996143) **6.00 Meridian Tonight** (124) **6.30 Out of Town** (476) **7.00-7.30 Celebrity Squares** (6679) **10.40 The Pier** (602637) **11.05 The Listings** (707308) **11.10 Go Fishing** (644230) **11.40 Meridian Masterclass** (217360)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 Hammerman (2936834) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (15143) **9.00 California Dreams** (7835230) **9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (7812389) **9.55 Hanging with Mr. Cooper** (6044582) **10.20 Pink Panther** (2885747) **10.45 Rocko's Modern Life** (8802872) **11.05 Crystal Maze** (9603105) **12.00 Mork and Mindy** (75940) **12.30pm Crawshaw Paints Acrylics** (69281) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (18230) **1.30 Terrytoons** (42231389) **1.40 Film: June Bride** (58321853) **3.30 Countdown** (582) **4.00 Backdate** (389) **4.30 Elsteddfod Genedlaethol** (72037) **6.00 Newyddion** (350785) **6.15 Heno** (878582) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (272853) **7.25 Bancar** (447056) **8.00 Newyddion** (3969) **8.30 Elsteddfod Genedlaethol** (35501) **9.30 Frasier** (90747) **10.00 Friends** (83969) **10.30 Film: Nine to Five** (40150) **12.30am Sex and the Scientists** (26524)

CHANNEL 4

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2.05 FILM: Teresa (1951 b/w). Bigotry in a small town greets Italian bride Pier Angeli, when her American GI John Ericson takes *her home at the end of the Second World* War. Directed by Fred Zinnemann (Teletext) (124940)
4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (389) **4.30 Countdown** (Teletext) (s) (501) **5.00 The Montel Williams Show** (Teletext) (s) (8062143) **5.45 Terrytoons** (795308)
6.00 The Cosby Show (r) (Teletext) (766)
6.30 Boy Meets World (Teletext) (s) (178)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (287501)
7.55 The Slot *(597834)*
8.00 If I Were Prime Minister: "Mad" Frankie Fraser. Once a ruthless crook, who has spent half of his 72 years in prison, the Prime Ministerial wannabe gives us the benefit of his considered opinions about prison reform, pensioners and immigration (Teletext) (s) (3969)

Spencer Tracy checks in (8.30pm)

8.30 FILM: Bad Day at Black Rock (1954). When a one-armed stranger (Spencer Tracy) comes to their desert town, the locals greet him with hostility. Also with Robert Ryan and Anne Francis. Directed by John Sturges (50650)
10.00 NEW **Sex and the Scientists: Women — The Inside Story.** Challenging notions of monogamy and male supremacy. Research carried out by female scientists has turned up incidences of female promiscuity throughout the animal kingdom (Teletext) (s) (2628495)
11.05 Latino Nights: The Maroons. Conflict between mining companies and local farmers in Suriname (s) (643501)
11.35 Latino Nights: Romario — Campo Dourado. The Brazilian footballer was idolised, but when his footwork failed him, his adoring fans turned nasty (s) (844018)
12.40 FILM: 'Til Death (1994) Drama about the lives of Mexico's street children. With Damian Bichir and Juan Manuel Bernal (s) (948273)
2.30 FILM: Viva Villa (1934, b/w). Biopic about the bandit commander prominent in the fight to make Mexico a republic. Starring Wallace Beery and Fay Wray. Directed by Jack Conway and Howard Hawks (26184032). **Ends at 4.35am**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (35921) **9.00** Press Your Luck (4261105) **9.20** Love Connection (1085414) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (2483476) **10.40** Jeopardy! (5033704) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (8823327) **12.00** Code 3 (37178) **12.30pm** Designing Women (30389) **1.00** Hotel (51872) **2.00** Geraldo (39259) **3.00** Court TV (2018) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5096230) **4.15** Undun (1234853) **5.00** Quantum Leap (6698) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (48308) **7.00** Spellbound (7327) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3853) **8.00** Strange Luck (98327) **9.00** Fire (78563) **10.00** Quantum Leap (71650) **11.00** Highlander (55785) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (3259457) **12.45am** Napolean and Josephine: A Love Story (6618544) **1.30** Smouldering Lust (18902) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (8909032)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (2245476) **9.30** The Book Show (50143) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (8562747) **1.30pm** CBS News (53230) **2.30** CBS News (3230) **3.30** The Book Show (2747) **5.00** Live at Five (7940) **6.30** Tonight with *Simon Mccoy* (5211) **7.30** Sportsline (1495) **8.10** CBS 60 Minutes (282327) **11.30** CBS Evening News (26056) **12.30am** ABC World News (63780) **1.30** Tonight with Simon Mccoy *Replay (18544)* **2.10** CBS 60 Minutes (8756231) **3.30** The Book Show (58506) **4.30** CBS Evening News (80631) ***5.30 ABC World News (11815)***

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Dream Chasers (1985) (41834) **8.00 Across the Great Divide (1977)** (13211) **10.00 Give Me a Break (1993)** (34105) **12.00** ***Roswell (1994)*** *(24114)* **2.00pm Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (1961)** (204785) **3.50 Monte Carlo or Bust (1969)** *(61751245)* **6.00 Give Me a Break (1993)** (47853) **7.30 Uncut: Sandra Bullock** (8921) **8.00 Roswell (1994)** (87211) **10.00 Above the Rim (1994)** (199873) **11.40 It's Pat (1994)** (423637) **1.00am Beyond Obsession (1985)** (64341) **2.30 El Mariachi (1993)** (4122457) **3.50-6.00 Natural Causes (1994)** (38068506)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Flipper (1963) (24476) **2.00pm The Millionairess (1960)** (77872) **4.00 The Band Wagon (1953)** (8972) **6.00 What's Up, Tiger Lily? (1966)** (64308) **8.00 The Big Red One (1980)** (69853) **10.00 Commando (1985)** (540501) **11.35 Cat People (1982)** *(669495)* ***1.35am The Big Red One*** **(1980)** (340438) **3.25-5.00 What's Up, Tiger Lily? (1966)** (600438)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Jitterbugs (1943) (93563) **7.30 Dogtanian in: One for All and All for One (1995)** (16414) **9.00** ***Jem: The Movie*** **(1986)** (33358650) **10.40 The Old Curiosity Shop (1984)** (2753817) **12.00 The Truth About Spring (1964)** (24196) **2.00pm Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter? (1957)** (93872) **4.00 Spider-man** *(1977) (2872)* **6.00 Cradle of Conspiracy (1994)** (80308) **8.00 Dangerous Intentions (1994)** (85853) **10.00 Striking Distance (1993)** (543563) **11.45 Breach of Conduct (1994)** (645940) **1.20am The Prom (1992)** (5690254) **2.15 The Adventures of the Flying Pickle (1993)** (857984) ***4.00-6.00 The Truth About Spring (1964)***

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.05am Quack Attack (74618582) **6.30** Chip 'n' Dale (64859921) **6.55** Chip 'n' Dale (64878056) **7.20** Ducktales (97764747) **7.45** Ducktales (87715037) **8.10** Quack Attack (89063327) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (67306921) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (73099785) **9.30** Quack Attack (95511679) **10.00** Shnookums (38143281) **10.30** Raw Toonage (62019921) **10.55** Chip 'n' Dale (52985292) **11.20** Chip 'n' Dale (49131563) **11.45** Muppet Babies (71360679) **12.05pm** Sing Me a Story (76818853) **12.30** Lamb Chop (95515495) **1.00** Tarzan (83166476) **1.30** Flipper (51909495) **2.20** Teen Angel (93880143) **2.30** The Eye of the Storm (88424143) **3.00** Ducktales (31702476) **3.25** Quack Attack (31714211) **3.50** Chip 'n' Dale (31334209) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (37988124) **4.40** Darkwing Duck (46897563) **5.00** Gargoyles (39503259) **5.30** Shnookums (88435259) **6.00** Raw Toonage (63033850) **6.20** Emerald Cove (33383308) **6.30** Home Improvement (88416124) **7.00** Zorro (39583495) **7.30 FILM: King Kong** (20600308) **9.10** The Making of D2: The Mighty Ducks (59030583) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement

EUROSPORT

6.00am Good Morning Atlanta (48037) **7.30** Marathon (41124) **8.30** Handball (54768) **10.00** Olympic Games (42258) **12.00** Eurogolf Magazine (12018) **1.00pm** Tennis (57679) **3.00** Motorcycling (24105) **5.00** Speedworld (7037) **6.00** Live Tennis *(9375969)* ***10.00*** *Motorcycling (79476)* **11.30-12.30** Eurogolf Magazine (48785)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Gillette World Sports Special (82853) **7.30** Watersports World (56056) **8.30** Racing News (88376) **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style (90308) **9.30** Finish Line (37327) **10.00** Sunday League Cricket (90872) **11.00** Super League (87308) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (88312) **12.30pm** Football Special: Blackburn v Everton 1995 (29414) **2.30** Ford Scorpio Golf USA: Buick Open (53872) **4.30** Velo-Cycling Magazine (8940) **5.00** Beach Volleyball (3834) **5.30** Max Out (9292) **6.00** Sky Sports Centre Countdown to the Season (16834) **7.00** The Winning Post: Carlisle and Brighton — Live (79389) **9.00** Eric Cantona — the Perfect Story (14389) **10.00** Sky Sports Centre Countdown to the Season (17476) **11.00** This Week in Baseball (81563) **11.30** Bushido — the Ultimate Fight (20389) **12.30am** Eric Cantona — the Perfect Story (47419) **1.30-2.30** Sky Sports Centre Countdown (81631)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (1754330) **11.30-1.00am** World Cup Classics: Argentina v France 1978

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Voice of Faith **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** General Christian Entertainment **6.15** Word of Life **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (7598261) ***7.55*** As the World Turns (9543259) **8.50** Peyton Place (5633872) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (5766850) **10.10-11.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am *Boomerang (5593679)* ***11.30*** Independent Travellers Guide (3451495) **12.30pm** Cooking in France (5421673) **1.00** Getaway (3869230) **1.30** Great Escapes (6871114) **2.00** Trailside (2345679) **2.30** Mansions (8590940) **3.00** Globetrotter (2357414) **3.30** Around the World (5927281) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (75047327)

King Kong, the definitive monster movie (Disney Channel, 7.30pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

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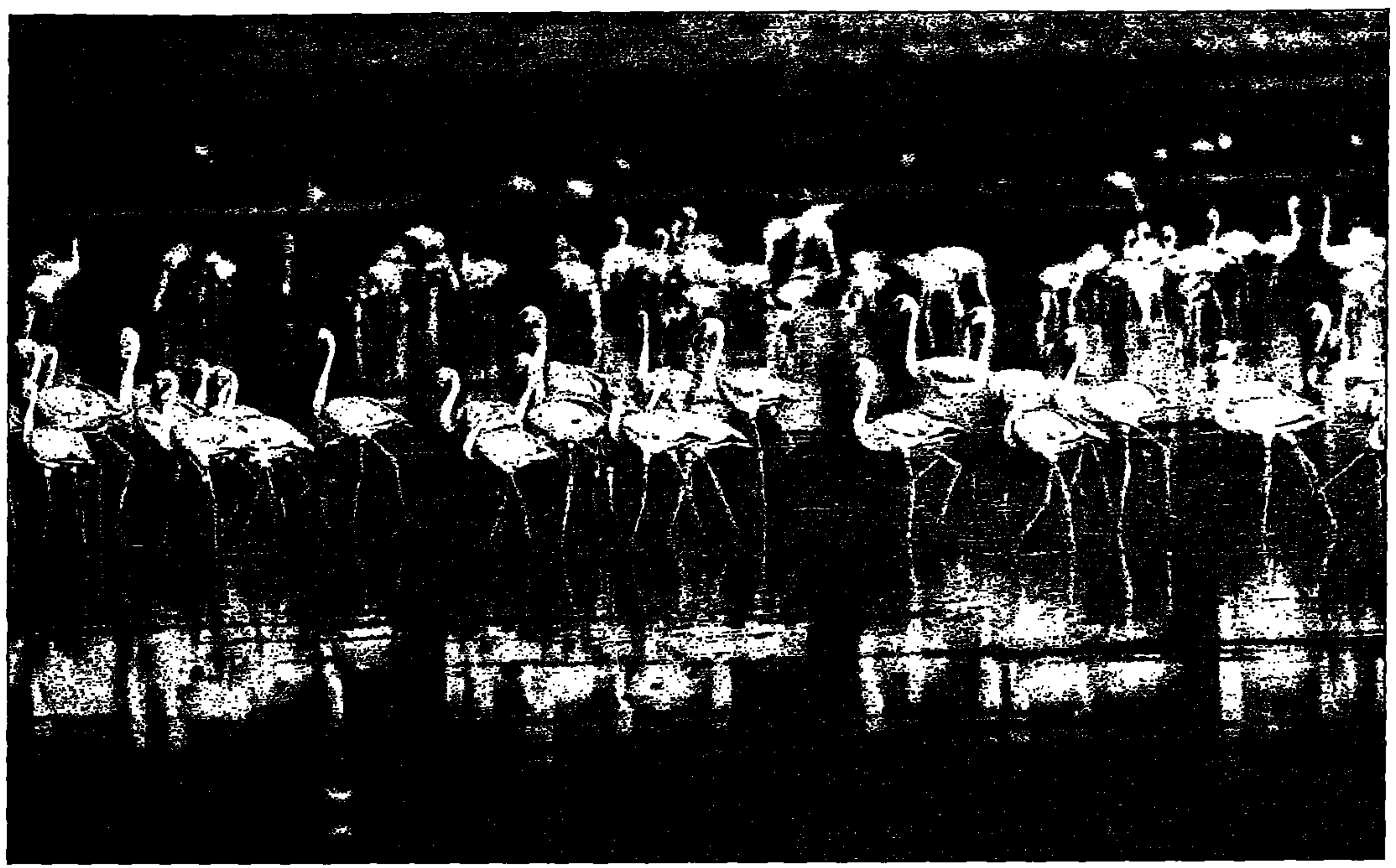
Brunner Mond to float

By Jason Nissé

BRUNNER MOND, one of the four companies which combined to form Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) in 1926, is to return to the stock market, gaining its first independent quote for 70 years.

The 123-year-old company, founded by Sir John Brunner and Ludwig Mond in Cheshire, is the only UK manufacturer of soda ash, which is used for glass, detergents and other chemicals. The group is also the largest soda ash group in Africa, collecting the chemical from the bed of Lake Magadi in Kenya. It was bought out from ICI in 1991.

The flotation, due in the early autumn, is expected to raise more than £50 million and is backed by Baring Brothers and HSBC James Capel. The market for new issues is expected to improve in the autumn after an uncertain summer. Ultra Electronics, which supplies the aerospace industry, has announced its plans to come to market. Ultra is to float in the autumn with a market value of £120 million.



Flotation reflections. Brunner Mond is the largest soda ash group in Africa, collecting from among the flamingoes on Lake Magadi in Kenya

Virgin Atlantic about to sign Caribbean carrier deal

By Jason Nissé

VIRGIN ATLANTIC is close to sealing a £30 million deal which could lead to Richard Branson's airline taking control of BWIA International Airways, one of the main carriers between the UK and the Caribbean.

The purchase would be a quantum leap for Virgin, giving it access to a well-run airline with more than £300 million of turnover to add to the £800 million of sales already built up by Virgin. A link with BWIA would fit nicely with Virgin Holidays, which has strong ties in the West Indies, with Mr Branson owning Necker, a paradise island in the British Virgin Islands.

Virgin would initially buy a 27 per cent stake in BWIA, becoming a partner with the Trinidad & Tobago Government and three other investors, joining forces with BWIA in marketing, pilot training, servicing airplanes and the like. Virgin would then have the option of taking another 24 per cent to give it majority control.

Brian Pocock, a senior Virgin Atlantic executive with links in the Caribbean, is in Trinidad putting the final touches to the deal.

☐ British negotiators have told their US counterparts that they will not get an "open skies" deal unless the proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines is given the go-ahead (Harvey Elliott writes). Talks so far have seen the American side hoping to get a new transatlantic air services agreement signed by November 5, before the US Presidential election. But British officials from the Department of Transport are refusing to sign any new agreement unless the link between BA and AA — seen as the only realistic way for British airlines to tap into the vast American market — is formally approved.

They have also refused to offer "fifth freedom" rights to American carriers to enable them to fly to another country after stopping in Heathrow, arguing that they can do this through code-sharing deals which do not take up as many slots.

Shrinking reserves hit North Sea prospects

By Carl Mortished

BRITAIN'S oil industry faces a bleak future of shrinking reserves and declining production, according to a report published today by leading consultants. Failure by oil companies to replace current production with discoveries of new oil and gas fields raises the prospect of an industry falling into decline after peaking in 1998 and 1999.

The gloomy outlook for the oil industry, which provided almost £2.4 billion in tax revenues for the Government last year, stems from a report by Wood Mackenzie, the oil consultants. Their annual review of developments on the UK's Continental Shelf highlights a sharp decline in the number of new fields that could come forward for development in the short to medium term.

Wood Mackenzie forecasts a 35 per cent decline in the amount of oil and gas recoverable from its 1996 portfolio of probable fields. These fields, currently amounting to 18 per cent of remaining commercial reserves, are oil and gas fields discovered by companies but which have not received government approval for development.

Wood Mackenzie has identified some 50 probable fields this year that could receive approval, compared with 67 identified last year. Nineteen fields from the 1995 portfolio comprising about 1.5 billion barrels of oil have since received development approval. In contrast, Wood Mackenzie has identified only nine new fields to add to the probable list this year, accounting for only 400 million barrels.

A Wood Mackenzie spokesman said yesterday: "If nothing changes, we are going to see a decline in production. We are likely to see fewer fields coming on-stream for development and fields with smaller reserves."

The problem is exacerbated by a decline in technical reserves — fields where the development timescales and options are more uncertain. Typically, a new discovery is added to technical reserves. After appraisal work and further wells drilled, it progresses to probable and then to full development. According to Wood Mackenzie, technical reserves in 1990 were 7.4 billion barrels, rising to 8.4 billion in 1991. But the accelerating pace of North Sea development, encouraged by government policy to "fast-track" development, has left the industry with a technical reserve portfolio of only 4.7 billion barrels.

In simple terms, the oil companies have not been replacing oil pumped out of the North Sea with new discoveries. The Wood Mackenzie spokesman said: "It would be wrong to say we are all doomed, but we have seen that the technical reserves are not increasing. The oil companies have been cherry-picking the best opportunities from their technical reserves, but they are not finding much new oil with the drill bit."

Wood Mackenzie points out that the picture could change markedly if new reserves were announced by oil companies drilling west of the Shetland Islands where BP announced its 340 million barrel Schiehallion discovery in 1993. However, since then, BP has announced no major discoveries and released little information. According to the consultant, there are some 160 "tight holes" in the UK Continental Shelf. These are wells drilled where the operator fails to disclose the results of the drilling.

Dwindling bounty from beneath the North Sea could have serious implications for the Government and the service industries that depend on the North Sea oil industry.

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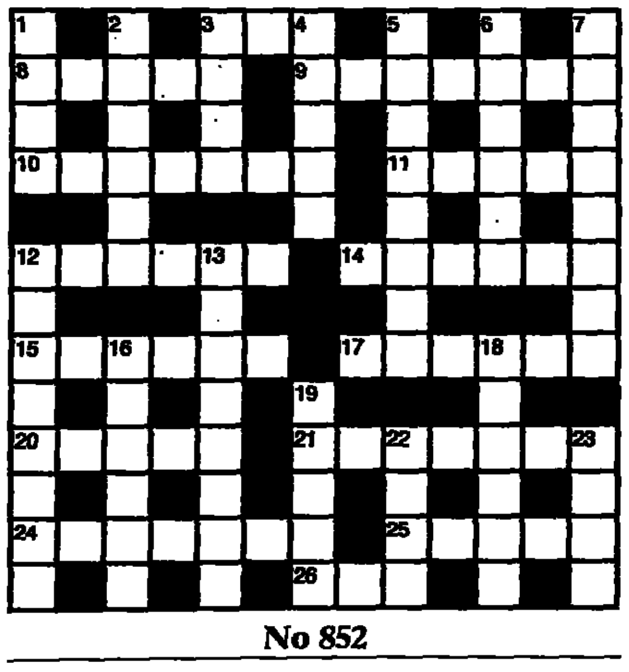

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11 Gently poke (5)
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14 Instruction period (6)
15 Disclose true identity (6)
17 Leisurely walk (6)
20 A second chance to see (film) (5)
21 Front tooth (7)
24 Local variant of language (7)
25 Newspapers; insist (5)
26 Hill-building insect (3)

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4 Furze (5)
5 Discover anew (8)
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7 From outside (8)
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Royal Mail urges CWU to hold vote

The Royal Mail yesterday urged the Communications Workers Union to ballot its members on a new pay and conditions deal. This was last week rejected by the union executive because of some leaders' opposition to management plans to introduce team-working. The executive meets today to discuss the dispute. Members will stage the latest in a series of 24-hour strikes tomorrow.

Selfridges plan

Sears is planning to expand the Selfridges department store in Oxford Street by adding 150,000 sq ft of space. The move could cost £100 million and would depend on Westminster Council giving planning permission.

Broker quits

Pat O'Reilly, one of the City's best known stockbrokers, is leaving Panmure Gordon after 25 years to join rival Charterhouse Tilney.

Potential suitors queue for Kepit

By Marianne Curphey

THE bid by TR European Growth Trust (Treg) to liquidate the assets of Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) has flushed out a number of other potential bidders.

Kepit's board has been approached by several big City institutions interested in taking control of the ailing trust. Kleinwort Benson is also believed to have approached a number of trust managers, including Morgan Grenfell Trust Managers, about taking over the mandate to run Kepit — although not the ownership — either as an investment trust or a unit trust.

An extraordinary meeting of some of the 77,000 Kepit shareholders tomorrow is due to vote on the board's proposal to narrow the discount at which the trust is trading by buying back 60 per cent of Kepit shares.

However, Kepit's fund managers, Kleinwort Benson Investment Management Limited (KBIM), put forward plans on Friday to make Kepit a unit trust and are seeking to have the EGM postponed.

One industry source said the KBIM proposals were by no means certain to be adopted. "The board is waiting to see whether alternative offers are more tempting," he added.

The Kepit flotation in 1994 pulled in a record £800 million from investors buoyed up by successful UK privatisations. The result was a disappointment — European privatisations never offered the easy UK-style profits that were expected.

Aston Villa clears way to stock market goal

ASTON VILLA, the Premiership football club, is to ask its shareholders to approve a restructuring of the company, which is being seen by City investors as a precursor to a stock market flotation.

The restructuring, which gets rid of a class of high voting shares first issued in the 1950s, would make Doug Ellis, Villa's chairman, £6 million richer overnight.

It would leave Villa, whose players include Gareth Southgate, whose missed penalty put England out of Euro 96, with a valuation of £65 million, according to the recent price of the thinly traded shares.

The proposal, to be voted on at an extraordinary shareholders' meeting on August 15, is to convert the special shares, commanding 15 votes each, into 15 ordinary shares. In its circular to shareholders, Villa argues that this would protect the rights of the holders of the special shares, mostly directors of the club, or people closely associated with them.

Southgate: big asset

In recent share restructurings for quoted companies, such as GUS, the issue of new shares has been more closely related to the relative share price. If that structure was followed, special shareholders would only have received two or three new shares. The most recent price at which special shares traded was £1,500, while a placing of ordinary shares by stockbroker Albert E Sharp recently commanded prices in the region of £650.

If the prices hold up, Mr Ellis's holding of 759 special shares will soar in value from £1.14 million to £7.4 million, valuing his total stake in the club at more than £27 million.

Villa ordinary shares have soared over the past 18 months, in line with most soccer stocks. At the start of 1995 they stood at £120. The club has gained a strong City following, with Credit Lyonnais-Laing and Hoare Govett, the brokers, keen fans.

Joint £313m bid with O'Reilly tops rival offer

Mirror near to winning WP

A JOINT £313 million bid from Mirror Group and Independent Newspapers, the Irish group headed by Tony O'Reilly, is close to securing Westminster Press, the regional newspapers business put up for sale by Pearson (Jason Nissé writes).

The Mirror/O'Reilly axis, which also controls *The Independent* newspaper, beat off a £303 million bid from Newsquest, the ambitious regional newspaper group backed by money from US investor Kohlberg Kravis Roberts. United News & Media had also indicated that it might be prepared to pay up to £305 million for WP but never made a formal offer.

The Mirror/O'Reilly team is understood to have increased its offer late in the day, tempted by the prospect of an £8 million pension fund surplus. It would be Mirror's first move into regional newspapers in England, which is a business Independent Newspapers has been attracted to for some time.

A deal is expected to be announced today, with Pearson hoping to deflect attention away from poor half-year results that will reflect the continued problems at Mindscape, the Calfornian software operation which has fallen into losses since being bought three years ago.

There will also be speculation about the successor to Frank Barlow, Pearson's managing director, who is due to retire next year. The company is believed to be looking to an outsider, much to the chagrin of Greg Dyke who runs Pearson TV and John Makinson, recently promoted to finance director.

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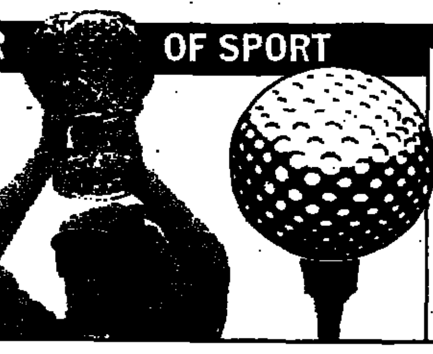

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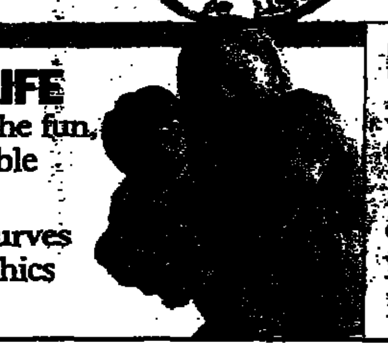

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Four more one-day strikes called

Royal Mail monopoly suspended

By Christine Buckley and Andrew Pierce

THE Post Office's monopoly on delivering letters was suspended for a month yesterday after union leaders announced four more one-day *strikes to* follow today's stoppage.

Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, announced that for the first time in 25 years, private companies would be allowed to deliver letters with a postage of less than £1. But none of the big courier firms intended to step into the breach; all were looking for a permanent end to the monopoly.

The suspension came after the postal executive of the Communication Workers' Union rejected a deal that some its leaders had agreed with Royal Mail negotiators last week. No fresh talks are planned and further strikes were announced for August 14, 22 and 30 and September 2.

Mr Lang said the union's decision left him no alternative "but to seek to protect the interests of businesses and domestic customers", and he gave a warning that the suspension could be extended for a further three months if the strikes continued.

John Roberts, the Post Office chief executive, said that a prolonged suspension could jeopardise the postal service. The loss of business could lead to higher prices and undermine universal deliveries.

Mr Lang will review the position this time next month. *Under the* Telecommunications Act, he can renew temporary suspensions indefinitely, but a permanent removal of *the monopoly would require* legislation. He has already *ordered officials to draw up proposals to outlaw disruption* in essential services and the privatisation of the Post Office — *abandoned* after a backbench revolt two years ago — is again being considered.

The *Government is setting* no guidelines for operators which want to take advantage of the suspension and they are free to canvass for business from today. The courier and parcel companies that would benefit most from an end to the Post Office monopoly made clear, however, that they were not interested.

Stewart Bint of TNT, which delivers 400,000 packages a day, said: "The monopoly would have to be ended permanently. Then we could work to bring costs down for both consumer and business mail users."

UPS, the world's biggest package distribution company, also said it had no plans to offer an alternative to the Royal Mail. "UPS will not step in and offer a solution to the strike situation," the company's marketing director Colin Beesley said.

Amtrak was considering the options, but a spokesman said: "We will have to see what happens in the long term, rather than the short term." *And DHL said it would not* be interested in stepping in for a month: "Anything that is going to be for a period of four *weeks, with the requirement* to build infrastructures and so on, does not give any operator time to put it in place."

The latest round of strikes was announced after the *union's postal executive* rejected the "teamworking" element of the Royal Mail offer. That would give employees extra *responsibility for self-management*, and the union's general secretary Alan Johnson said that it would be unacceptable *in any shape or form*.

Mr Lang immediately accused the postal workers of giving the public "a bunch of fives". *He called for a secret* ballot of union members and said: "The five 24-hour strikes confirm that militancy within the trade union movement continues to thrive."

With the Tories confident of turning the dispute to their advantage, ministers will now press Tony Blair to condemn the stoppages. But Mr Lang said: "It is no secret why new Labour refuses to condemn the union — it bankrolls the Labour Party to the tune of £250,000 a year."

Stephen Byers, the Shadow Employment Minister, countered: "The Government has been far more interested in playing politics with the issue than in trying to play their part in resolving it. This is because they are both determined to play politics with any industrial dispute at the moment and as part of their long-term agenda to privatise the Post Office. Mr Lang's announcement has no support within the industry and is not in the customer's interest."

The last time the monopoly *was lifted was during a* protracted industrial dispute under the Heath Government in 1971. It was suspended at *the Post Office's request from* January 18 until March 10.

"Directory inquiries? I've forgotten my own number again"

Belfast ban

Police in Belfast have banned a *loyalist parade* from passing through a nationalist area of the city on Saturday in the hope of reducing sectarian tensions ....Page 2

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Phone users face playing numbers game yet again

By Robin Young

PLANS to introduce a new system of telephone codes just 16 months after the last big overhaul were criticised last night by consumers facing a multimillion-pound bill for the changes.

Business and private phone users will have to pay to update stationery, computer programs, publicity and advertising material. The capacity for eight billion new numbers was introduced on PhONEday last year.

The British Chambers of Commerce said: "We are slightly disappointed they didn't get it right the first time. Businesses may be finding it a bit wearisome to go through it all again."

Don Cruickshank, Director-General of Telecommunications (Oftel), admitted: "Our *ability to forecast the increase* in numbers is not very good." However, he said that the urgent need to overhaul the numbering system again was a reflection of Britain's leading position in the information revolution and of the mushrooming demand for telecommunication services.

The Labour Party attacked Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, for creating a "shambles" and *complained* at the cost.

If the new proposals are *adopted, they will involve* changing all existing domestic numbers in five big cities from the year 2000, all existing *mobile and pager phone numbers*, all specially tariffed and premium rate service numbers, and many large businesses' phone numbers. The total number of changes, excluding the business users, would be at least 15 million. No changes will be introduced before the year 2000.

The new scheme would devote all numbers beginning 05 to big business customers, reserve 07 for mobile telephones, pagers and "find me anywhere" personal numbers, put all specially tariffed services such as freephones and shared cost and revenue services in the 08 category, and make premium rate services instantly recognisable by having them all begin 09.

Mr Cruickshank, whose previous proposals for more modest changes were rejected by industry and consumer groups last year, said in London yesterday that his new scheme, published in a consultative document, provided "a clear and transparent plan for the future". He said: "It sweeps away anomalies and will give *customers* a clear indication of the type of service

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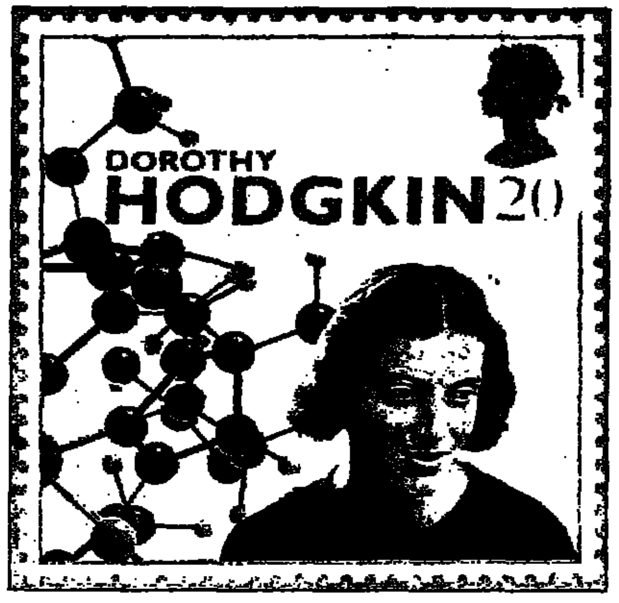

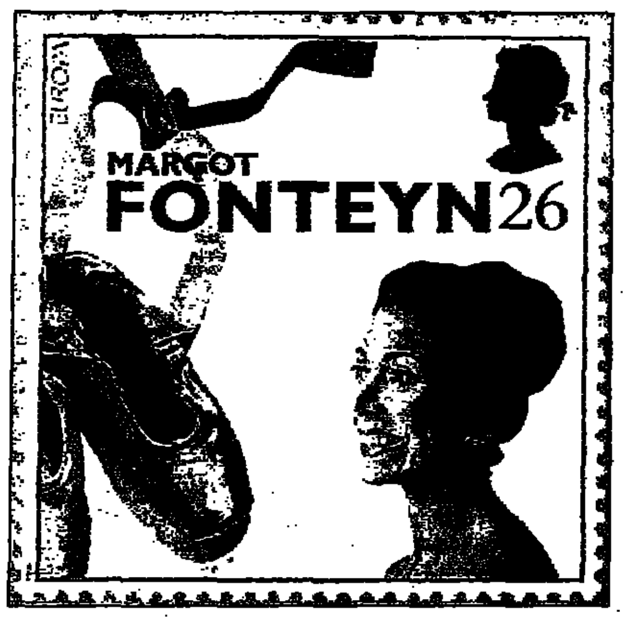

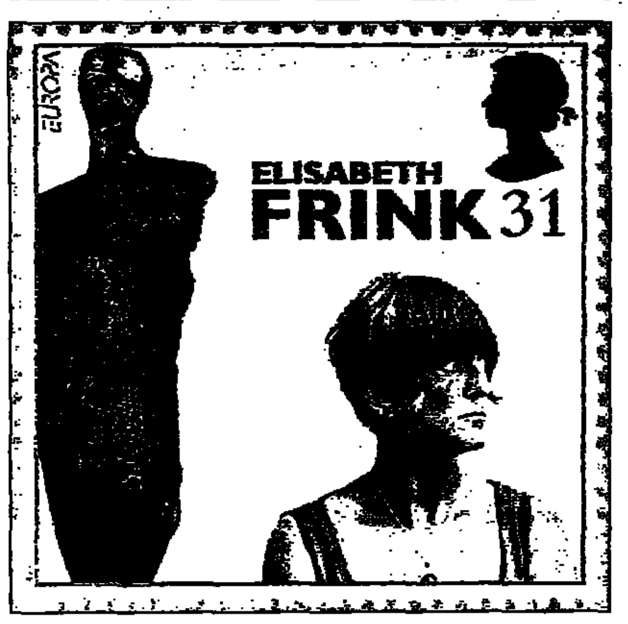

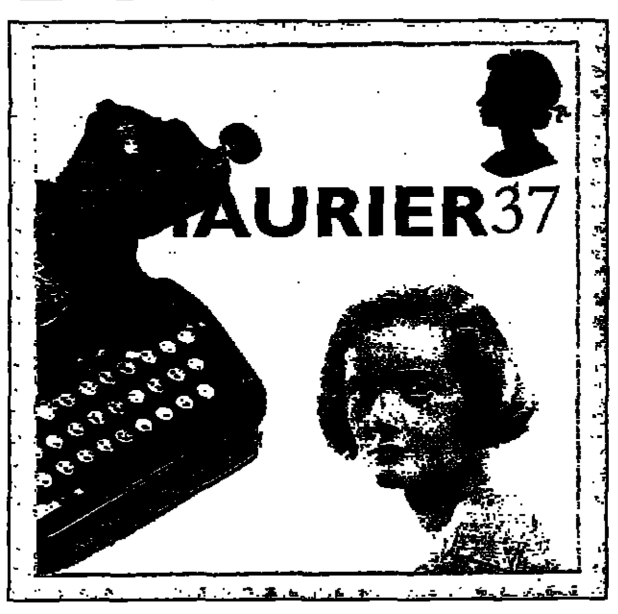

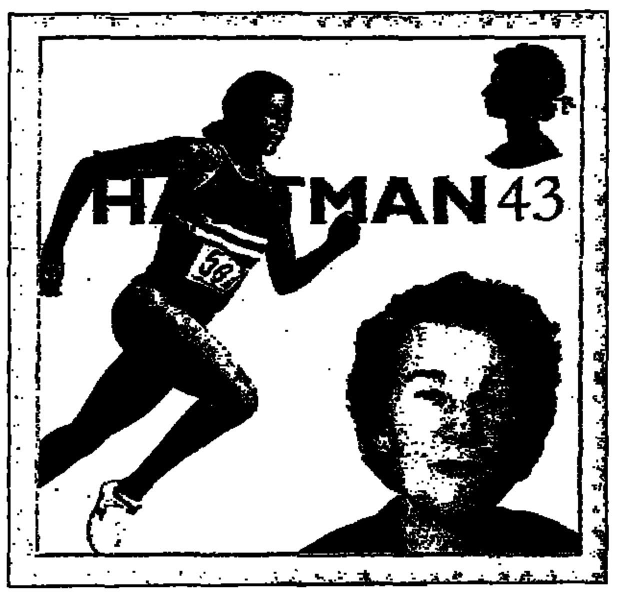

Discord on women given the stamp of approval

By Carol Midgley, Dalya Alberge and Peter Foster

A SET of decorative stamps celebrating "great 20th-century women" plunged the Royal Mail into new controversy yesterday after the likes of Marie Stopes, Virginia Woolf, Emmeline Pankhurst and Agatha Christie failed to make the grade.

The new stamps honour *Elisabeth Frink*, Dorothy Hodgkin, Margot Fonteyn, Daphne du Maurier and Marea Hartman. And while *the Royal Mail admitted that* some were not household names, it argued that they had achieved outstandingly throughout their lives.

"Their contributions to art and literature, science and sport made a major impact during their lives and continue to be influential today," a spokesman said. "They are all modern women who helped to shape the century. We had to choose from about 100 names and it was very difficult to bring it down to just five."

Dorothy Hodgkin won the Nobel Prize in 1964 for her pioneering work on the structure of molecules; Margot Fonteyn danced her first solo at 15 and went on to become prima ballerina assoluta and president of the Royal Academy of *Dancing*; Elisabeth Frink was the most notable British woman sculptor of her generation, with public works including *the* Eagle Lecturn in Coventry Cathedral.

> ‘What about all those great dames of film, theatre and television?’

Daphne du Maurier remains a best-seller 60 years after the publication of her first novels, while Marea Hartman inspired generations of young women athletes.

But the selected few brought protests from the worlds of literature, art and sport. Quentin Bell, Virginia Woolf's nephew and biographer, thought Du Maurier a rather obscure choice. "She was an *agreeable* writer of agreeable fiction, but not a great or serious author. Ivy Compton-Burnett might have been more *appropriate*."

Martin Brown of Equity was disappointed that there was no actress on the list. "What about all those great dames of film, theatre and television? Edith Sitwell, Edith Evans, Peggy Ashcroft?" he said. "Any of them have been fantastic."

James Brock, director of classical marketing for EMI, thought the cellist Jacqueline du Pré an obvious choice. Carmen Callil, who founded the Virago Press, said: "As much as I love Du *Maurier, I wouldn't have* chosen her. I could think of 500 others." And Karen Fielder, from the Women, Heritage *and Museum group*, said: "It would have been nice to see Marie Stopes, Virginia Woolf or one of the suffragettes represented."

Six marketing and design employees from the Royal Mail worked with the ten-strong Stamp Advisory Committee on the project. The committee includes the television presenter Floella Benjamin, Gwyneth Dunwoody *MP, philatelist Dr Jean Alexander*, and the designers Mary Lewis and Professor Alan Livingston. The stamps, which go on sale today, were designed by Stephanie Nash.

Callers swamp hotline to shop their neighbours

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

HUNDREDS of callers used the new national condidential "shop-a-benefit-cheat" telephone line within hours of its launch yesterday.

More than 200 rang within the first 60 minutes of the service being set up by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary. By 3pm, four hours *after the service began, the* number was more than 800. The day's total was 1,650.

Some of the tip-offs were *about people accused of running* illicit car repair businesses at their homes while claiming unemploymenet benefit, others about painters and decorators who worked while signing-on and one about a fireman who was doing a second job but not declaring the income. "It has been an extraordinary success," said a DSS official.

Peter Lilley dismissed the clamour of criticism from rival politicians and poverty action groups, who accused the Government of the wrong priorities and stoking up trouble between neighbours with the introduction of what they called a "snooper's charter". He said: "Every pound lost on fraud means a pound less to help people in genuine need. It is a welcome addition to the battle against fraud."

A team of 55 Benefits Agency staff in Preston handled the calls which far exceeded expectations. Operators provided their christian names but did not seek the identity of callers.

The £500,000 advertising campaign to publicise the hotline will centre on the slogan: "Know of a benefit rip-*off? Give us a telephone tip-off*".

The Civil and Public Services Association predicted that the service would lead to a further *increase of assaults on* staff from people who were the victims of malicious tip-offs. Barry Reamsbottom, the General Secretary of the CPSA, said: "The Government is introducing a snooper's line which can also be turned into a grudge-line. There is bound to be a backlash as members *are forced to investigate more* complaints. A lot of people will see us as snoopers, and if people feel harassed or unfair*ly treated they are more likely* to lash out at staff."

Mr Lilley rejected the charge. "We are not asking people to snoop into their neighbours' business." The aim of the hotline was to "turn the tables" on fraudsters. "The vast majority of people are honest but there is a large minority who are dishonest — we must stop *them* abusing the system so that we can continue to afford to provide a decent level of *provision* for everybody *else*."

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Blunt message of the £500,000 campaign

The move is part of a major crackdown on benefit fraud, which is currently estimated to *be running at £3 billion a year*. Mr Lilley disclosed yesterday that more than £1.4 billion in fraud had been detected and *prevented last year — double* the figure for the previous year.

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Sectarian tensions heightened as weekend of marches approaches

RUC orders change to loyalist parade

By Nicholas Watt
Chief Ireland Correspondent

POLICE in Belfast have banned a loyalist parade from passing through a nationalist area of the city on Saturday in the hope of reducing sectarian tensions during a weekend of contentious marches.

Members of the loyalist Apprentice Boys, who were ordered by the RUC to reroute their march away from the Roman Catholic Lower Ormeau Road, condemned the police decision last night as "deplorable".

The RUC vigorously defended its decision, which was made as nationalists and Unionists held intensive talks in Londonderry over a much larger and more contentious Apprentice Boys parade in the city on Saturday.

Bill Stewart, the RUC's Assistant Chief Constable in Belfast, made clear that the decision was designed to help the negotiations in Londonderry. He said: "It is our fervent hope that everyone will exercise their influence to ensure peace is maintained."

CRISPIN RODWELL

Nationalists in the Bogside, spurred on by Sinn Fein, have demonstrated their opposition to the parade by painting new murals

There are fears that serious sectarian violence could erupt across Northern Ireland if nationalists fail to reach agreement with the Apprentice Boys over Saturday's parade in Londonderry. Up to 10,000 loyalists are due to converge for the last contentious parade in a marching season that has seen the worst violence for years.

Loyalists are due to stage two parades in the city to mark the Siege of Derry in 1689. In the first, and most contentious, the Apprentice Boys' Parent Clubs are due to march along the city walls at 9.30am from their memorial hall to the cenotaph and on to a service at St Columb's Cathedral.

Later they are due to be joined by up to 10,000 Apprentice Boys from across Northern Ireland. This parade is due to pass from the Protestant Waterside area of Londonderry across the Craigavon Bridge, around the city centre and back across the River Foyle.

Nationalists in Londonderry object to the first parade because it is due to pass along a stretch of the city walls that overlooks the Roman Catholic Bogside area. Trouble flared last year when the RUC cleared Sinn Fein demonstrators from the city walls to allow the march to take place.

Serious sectarian violence during the parade in 1969 led to the deployment of British troops on the streets of Londonderry and Belfast at the start of the modern-day troubles.

John Hume, the leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, and MP for Foyle, last night chaired the third meeting between nationalists and the Apprentice Boys in the hope of finding an agreement over the march. It is understood that the Apprentice Boys insisted that their parade should pass along the full circuit of the historic walls.

As a gesture to the nationalists the loyalists agreed to allow screens and barbed wire to be erected along the section of the walls that overlooks the Bogside. They also agreed to limit the number of bands on the walls and not to play along the disputed section.

Nationalists from the Bogside insisted at the meeting that the march should be confined to the city centre within the walls. They also called for the RUC to be banned from policing the parade. The nationalists also gave warning that any agreement over Londonderry would be worthless if the loyalists fail to reach agreement with nationalists on other parades on Saturday in Bellaghy, Co Londonderry.

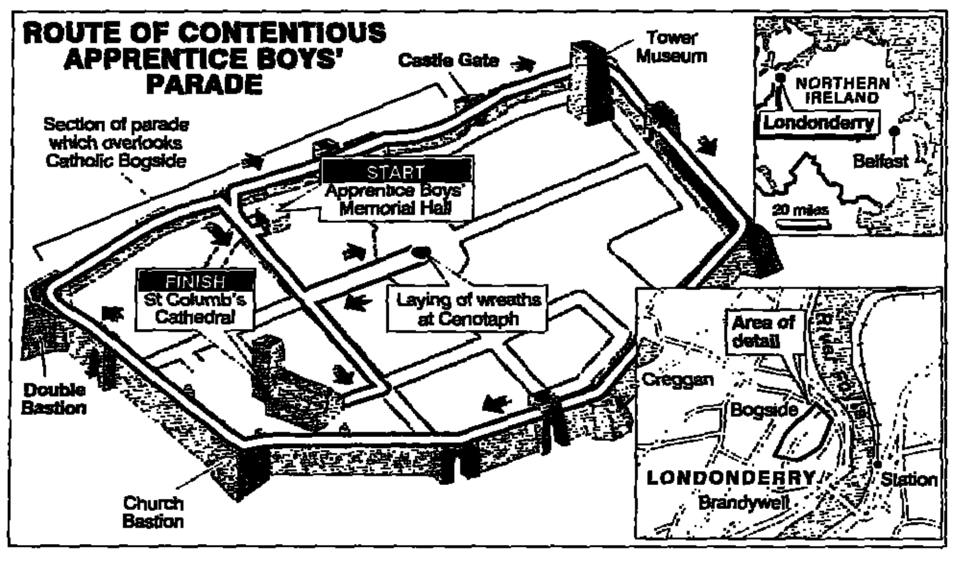
Pat Devine, a former SDLP Mayor of Derry, called for restraint from the Apprentice Boys to recognise nationalist fears about triumphalist marches. He added: "Derry people of the most moderate opinion deeply resent the idea of the Apprentice Boys coming to Derry and doing what they like."

However, Alasdair Simpson, the Governor of the Apprentice Boys, called on nationalists to recognise how important it is for loyalists to be allowed to march along the walls as they commemmorate the 13 Apprentice Boys who slammed the gates of the city in the faces of the Catholic Jacobite forces during the Siege of Derry.

He said: "There are those who say it is a triumphalist march. It is nothing of the sort. It is a commemoration. It is like other people in Northern Ireland and across the water commemorating the fallen of two world wars."

The Apprentice Boys have agreed to comply with the RUC order. They will march as far as the Ormeau Bridge where they will board buses to Derry to join the main Apprentice Boys' march.

ROUTE OF CONTENTIOUS APPRENTICE BOYS' PARADE



Blair backtracks on introduction of social chapter

By Andrew Pierce
political correspondent

TONY BLAIR is preparing to delay the introduction of the social chapter if he wins the election, and to abandon Labour's commitment to co-opting workers on to company boards. The party leadership has agreed on a massive consultation exercise with industry leaders and trade unions before agreeing to implement the terms of the chapter.

The move could effectively delay Britain's full participation in the social chapter, branded "socialism by the back door" by the Tories, for months or even years, and lead to confrontation with the unions.

The Labour MP Stephen Byers, appointed last week to a frontbench post handling policy on the Social Chapter, said yesterday: "We will immediately opt in to the social chapter in principle. But in practice we will only agree to implementation after a realistic timetable has been agreed. We will first have to enter into a wide consultation exercise and period of negotation. Only then will we be able to put our proposals before Parliament." No date has been set for the end of consultations.

Mr Blair's rethink anticipates Tory attacks on the party's support for the social chapter. Further pressure came with the disclosure that Labour MEPs have backed an 87-point wishlist, drawn up by Padraig Flynn, the European Commissioner for Social Affairs, for inclusion in the chapter. The list, which will be presented to the inter-govenrmtal conference at the end of the year, includes moves to outlaw discrimination against employees who make complaints or refuse an unacceptable workload, the right to collective bargaining in all companies, and quotas on the employment of women and ethnic minority groups.

Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, said last night: "They are trying to fudge their commitment but it does not fool us and it will not fool business. Until Labour commit themselves to keep the opt-out there can be no doubt they aim to sign up to the social chapter, which will destroy hundreds of thousands of jobs."

Labour will fight for a veto on co-opting workers on to boards because it believes the system, which is widespread in Europe, would not work in Britain where company structures are different. However, it is maintaining support for the provision within the chapter for works councils, which bring together management and employees to discuss employment conditions.

NEWS IN BRIEF

No prosecution on custody death

Police officers will not face prosecution over the death in custody of Wayne Douglas, which provoked riots in Brixton last December. Mr Douglas, 26, died after he was arrested as a suspect in an aggravated burglary. Police said he brandished a knife and long-handled batons were used to disarm him. Two post-mortem examinations blamed the death on a heart attack. Yesterday the Crown Prosecution Service said: "After careful consideration, senior lawyers decided that there is insufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction."

Scotland Yard said an inquest will be held later and any question of disciplinary action would be decided afterwards. Mr Douglas's brother Albert said: "It is no more than I expected. This is just the system."

World Service reprieve

Jeremy Hanley, the junior Foreign Office Minister, gave a strong hint yesterday that the Government will seek to shelve proposals by John Birt, the BBC Director-General, to reorganise the World Service. Mr Hanley said that the BBC had guaranteed that no irrevocable change would be made pending a review of how the "special nature" of the service could be maintained.

£175,000 pollution fine

Severn Trent Water was fined £175,000 and ordered to pay £44,000 in costs and compensation after it admitted leaking chemicals into the River Wye, killing 33,000 young salmon. Cardiff Crown Court was told it was the company's 34th conviction since privatisation in 1990. Judge Prosser said: "To be convicted so many times shows that the management of the company is very slack indeed."

The eagle has flown

Conservationists are celebrating the first successful rearing in Britain for four years of a golden eagle. The bird has flown from the eyrie, which has been guarded around the clock throughout the nesting season by members of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, at a 25,000-acre nature reserve at Haweswater in the Lake District. Eagles have been nesting in the valley since 1969.

Singer's bus burnt out

A touring bus and £150,000 of musical equipment belonging to a leading country and western singer was set on fire by masked men in Northern Ireland yesterday. Police said that three of Dominic Kirwan's crew members were ordered out of the vehicle when it was stopped in a nationalist area of Armagh. Dominic, from Omagh, Co Tyrone, was not on the bus and the crew men escaped unhurt.

Britons on drug charge

Two British teenagers are being held in Morocco accused of trying to smuggle out six kilos of hashish. Sally Griffiths, 17, and Clare Martin, 19, who are believed to be holidaymakers from Harwich, were each charged with possessing three kilos of the drug after being arrested at Casablanca airport on July 31. They will have to wait until Friday for a decision on whether the authorities proceed with the case.

Gladiator girl to recover

The *Gladiators* contestant who was partially paralysed in a fall was told yesterday that she will make a full recovery. Nicki Claxton, 22, fractured a vertebra when she fell 20ft after slipping from the Pole-Axe apparatus used in the television show. A consultant at the Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, told the student she did not need surgery and would eventually regain feeling in her lower back and legs.

Great bore sets record

Steve King has set a new world distance record by surfing 5½ miles non-stop on the Severn Bore tidal wave in Gloucestershire. He more than doubled the previous best by David Lawson, who had held the record for eight years, as he stayed on top of the slow-moving wave for more than an hour. Mr King, 31, said: "Conditions were ideal and I found the perfect wave and stayed with it."

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Numbers game

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behind each prefix, and the likely cost of their calls."

Oftel suggests that London's existing 0171 and 0181 codes could be reunited under the single code 020 followed by 7 or 8 and seven other digits. Alternatively, the split between inner and outer London could be maintained, using the codes 020 and 022 followed by eight digits.

For Cardiff, the proposal is that the 01222 code should be replaced in the year 2000 by 0282. Adjacent areas, such as Newport, Barry, Pontypridd and Pontypool could be amalgamated into the new code.

Belfast's 01232 code would be changed to 0292 and it is suggested that the short code 029 could used for the whole of Northern Ireland by 2003.

New codes of 0233 for Southampton and 0235 for Portsmouth would allow the Southampton code to extend to Romsey, Lymington, Winchester and Fareham West; Portsmouth could incorporate .Chichester, Petersfield and Fareham East.

Mr Cruickshank said he had no idea what the changes would cost, but said that it would be less than the PhONEday operation, and much less than the costs that would follow if necessary changes were not made.

Oftel adds that between 25 and 30 areas beyond the five most urgent cities will require more numbers in the next 15 to 20 years. Exchanges expected to require new codes by the year 2005 are: Bournemouth, Coventry, Cambridge, Aberdeen, Brighton, Bradford, Derby, Guildford, Middlesbrough, Preston, Stoke-on-Trent, Oxford, Wolverhampton and Wigan. By 2012 new codes will also be needed in Bolton, Ascot, Markyate, Northampton, Rochdale, Peterborough and Iver.

In summary, the proposed city number changes are, with present codes in parentheses, London (0171), 020, (0181), 020 or 022; Cardiff (01222), 0282; Belfast (01232), 0292; Southampton (01703), 0233; and Portsmouth (01705), 0235.

☐ *The National Numbering Scheme: A Consultative Document* (Oftel, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JJ; free). Recorded messages about the proposals may be left on Oftel's Comments hotline: 0645 600 660 (calls charged at local rate).

Dublin puts out the flags for an Olympic heroine

By Audrey Magee
Ireland Correspondent

IRELAND has prepared a hero's welcome today for Michelle Smith, winner of three gold medals, at the end of the country's most successful Olympic Games.

Up to 60,000 people are expected to greet Smith when she arrives at Dublin airport. Mary Robinson, the President, will lead the welcoming party for the swimmer and the rest of the Olympic team. They will travel five miles in open-top buses to the city centre for a mid-morning rally at the General Post Office on O'Connell Street, the 1916 stronghold of Irish rebels fighting British rule.

But shadows hang over the homecoming, making it unlikely that the partying will reach the pitch of 1990, when Dublin raised the roof for the Irish football team that reached the quarter-finals of the World Cup in Italy.

Smith: won three gold medals and a bronze

There is widespread disappointment that Sonia O'Sullivan, Ireland's principal Olympic hope, failed to fulfil expectations. She was stricken by illness and is not expected to return home for some time. The Irish have also been embarrassed by infighting between the country's Olympic officials in Atlanta.

Today's celebrations will be followed swiftly by a ministerial inquest into the dispute between the Olympics Council of Ireland and Bord Luthchleas na hEireann, the governing body of Irish athletics. The row centred on deals the two organisations made with separate sports-gear manufacturing companies and the kit that had to be worn at the games by Irish contestants. Bernard Allen, the Minister for Sports, will lead the investigation into the public squabble.

Michelle Smith's father, Brian, yesterday attacked the allegations of drug-taking made against her. "Michelle never took an Aspro in her life, never mind a drug . . . To take drugs to me is unforgiveable. To be caught on drugs would shame not only her but her whole family and Ireland, and Michelle would never let down the people of Ireland by doing anything untoward," Mr Smith told RTE radio.

He said that his daughter did not cheat to achieve her unexpected success. He said that she had worked hard and consistently and that he and his wife, Pat, were very proud of her achievement. He challenged critics to prove that she had behaved dishonestly.

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Court battle over exam grade

By David Charter
Education Correspondent

A TEENAGER launched a High Court claim for damages yesterday against an examination board he claims blighted his future by awarding him a low GCSE grade.

Simon Zekaria believes that his performance at GCSE English literature merited better than the grade D awarded by the Midland Examining Group. He blames the low grade for being rejected for English courses at his two preferred universities.

The writ is the latest stage in a two-year battle against the board, now part of the University of Cambridge group, which has stuck by its judgment through three remarks.

Mr Zekaria took the examination at University College School, north London, which made an appeal on his behalf. His father, Issac, who had an earlier request for a judicial review rejected, said: "I feel very bitter. English is my son's best subject. He was devastated by his result."

The writ accuses the board of failing to mark Mr Zekaria's papers fairly and with reasonable skill and care. The board says that the result has been checked and confirmed and nothing more can be done.

A date has not been set for the hearing.

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Highway robber of Cambridge walked into trap

A TEENAGE gang leader boasted that he was too clever to be caught as he preyed on the intellectuals of Cambridge. Robert Betson grew so confident that he told a victim with no ready cash to meet him the next day with £100.

He walked into a trap. The victim had alerted the police, and detectives could not believe their luck when the 16-year-old thug arrived at the rendezvous.

Yesterday Betson and members of his self-styled Robbery Crew were given custodial sentences as a judge called them modern-day highwaymen and footpads. They had robbed hundreds in a four-month crime spree, including many undergraduates. Police believe that many victims were too scared to come forward.

The targets of their attacks were threatened, beaten and robbed, sometimes at knife-point. Some were frog-marched to cash machines and forced to withdraw money. If they did not have enough cash, their watches, jewellery, cheque books and other items were taken. One youth had a light from his bicycle stolen because he had no other valuables.

Those in court were only part of the gang, and others have yet to be brought to justice. Betson had bragged to some of his victims that the gang had carried out more than 200 attacks and stolen more than £8,000. He told them that they would be killed if they reported the crime, and said that the gang was too clever to be caught by the police.

Betson: boasted that he would not be caught

In reality they were anything but clever. All the offences were committed without masks or hoods, some in front of bank security cameras.

All the defendants had pleaded guilty at Cambridge Crown Court. It was said that, between October 1995 and January 1996, members of the gang hunted in packs, preying on young men. In most cases the victims were approached by members of the gang who asked for spare change or offered to sell drugs. The youths would then become more threatening and demand money.

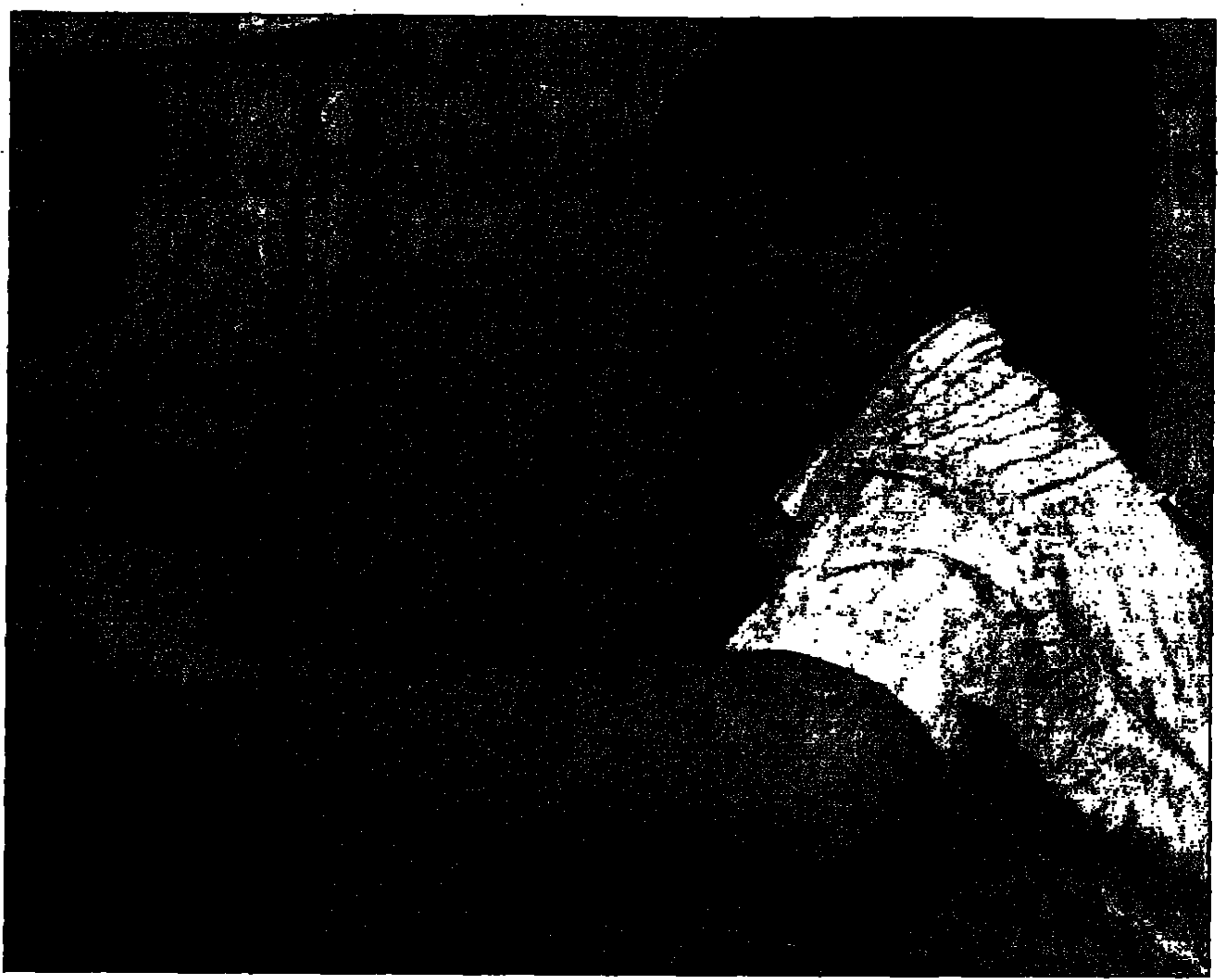
Many were told by their attackers that they had guns or knives. Others were punched and kicked when they resisted or did not have enough money to satisfy the robbers. One youth was robbed twice by the same gang.

Sentencing the gang, Judge John Sheerin said: "You are all young and that is part of the tragedy of this case. But you can properly be described as modern-day footpads.

"The citizens of this city were abused and put in terror. It was frightening and violent. Citizens going about their lawful business and pleasure must be protected."

The judge recalled that Betson had told one victim: "Give us your money and you can go." The judge commented: "You told him as if you were some kind of highwayman. It was bravado, but it was frightening and dangerous."

The judge praised the police operation which had netted the gang saying: "You had a difficult job to do and you did it well. I hope that such a catalogue of offences never comes back to this court again."


Scott Tucker, 19, a gang member, at court yesterday. He was given five terms for robbery and three for affray

Betson, who was 17 yesterday, was sentenced to ten concurrent sentences of six years for robbery. With him in the dock were David Doran, 18, who received five concurrent six-year sentences for robbery.

Scott Tucker, 19, received five concurrent two-year terms for robbery and three concurrent 12-month terms for assault and affray, the sentences to run consecutively. Martin Williams, 16, was given two years on each of three counts of robbery, the sentences to run concurrently.

Aaron White, 16, was sentenced to four concurrent terms of three years for robbery. Gareth Almrott, 17, was jailed for 12 months for a robbery and a consequtive six months for handling. All of these defendants were from Cambridge.

Daniel Stagg, 16, of Cottenham, Cambridgeshire, was given 12 months for his part in one robbery. Another defendant, 17-year-old John Walsh, who admitted nine robberies, will be sentenced later. A ninth defendent, Paul Spooner, 20, who faces robbery and assault charges, is currently on the run after being given bail.

The officer in charge of the case, Acting Detective Inspector Brian Hall, told the court: "Robbery is a serious matter and this affected a lot of people. It got to the stage where people were afraid to go on the streets. These incidents were some of the most serious on the streets of Cambridge I have ever seen."

Orderly is accused of switching blood test

By Joanna Bale

A HOSPITAL orderly and his girlfriend, a nurse, tampered with a paternity-test blood sample so that he could avoid paying maintenance for his child by another woman, a court was told yesterday.

Timothy Anderson, 24, and Elizabeth Mills, 33, sent a sample from another man for analysis. Carol Thomas, 42, who had become pregnant when she and Mr Anderson had been lovers, complained to Medway NHS Trust and the police when the test showed that he was not the father of her daughter.

Mr Anderson was arrested and another sample taken. This proved that he was almost 6,000 times more likely to be the child's father than any other man.

Mr Anderson, of Lenham, Kent, denies committing an act intending to pervert the course of justice between May 1994 and June 1995. Ms Mills, a mother of three who lives with him, has admitted the same charge and will be sentenced at the end of his trial at Maidstone Crown Court.

The jury was told that Mr Anderson and Mrs Thomas met in January 1993 and, by March that year, she was pregnant. Mr Anderson asked her to have an abortion, but the baby girl was born in November. When the Child Support Agency obliged Mr Anderson to have a blood test, he swapped the samples. The trial continues.

Hall, left, said he shot Hartley fearing he had a knife

Farmer says he fired at burglar in self-defence

By Kate Alderson

A FARMER who marked his property with the sign "Never mind the dog, beware of the owner", fired at a burglar with a 12-bore shotgun, a court was told yesterday.

Kenneth Hall, 63, shot at Neil Hartley, 32, who had broken into a car on his isolated farm at Thurstonland in the Pennine Hills above Huddersfield. Hartley suffered wounds to his shoulder, jaw and tongue and spent four days in hospital.

Mr Hall told police the gun had gone off accidentally as the burglar came towards him in the early hours of June 25 last year. He said he acted in self-defence because he feared the burglar had a knife.

Mr Hall yesterday denied causing grievous bodily harm with intent. He also pleaded not guilty at Bradford Crown Court to causing grievous bodily harm without intent.

Hartley, described as a thief and a burglar, admitted theft at Huddersfield Magistrates' Court last December. He was given community service and ordered to pay Mr Hall £27 compensation.

Graham Hyland, for the prosecution, said that Mr Hall had fitted a security system after a spate of break-ins. Hartley, from Huddersfield, had awoken from a drunken sleep and decided to find cars from which to steal.

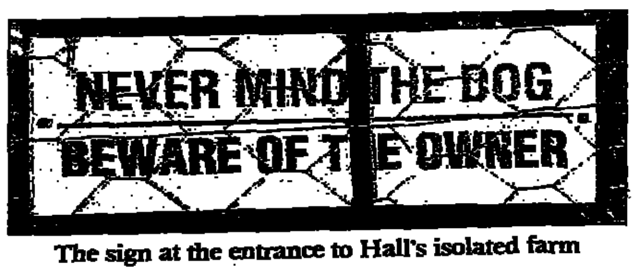
He walked 3½ miles to Mr Hall's farm in the belief that secluded property was less likely to be locked. Hartley said that he had not intended to burgle houses and had found £27 in the dashboard of a car parked in Mr Hall's driveway.

After taking the money he saw a light in the farmhouse. Hartley said: "There was a silhouette in the doorway. I didn't see if he had anything in his hands. I ran back up the drive. He shouted 'Stop!', but I kept running. I saw a blue flash in my left eye and heard a large bang. I carried on running and it was like being hit with a sledgehammer. I didn't know what it was."

Hartley, who was bleeding heavily, realised that he had been shot and hid in undergrowth before giving himself up to police.

Mr Hall was arrested and told police that he was aiming over the intruder's head when his gun went off. He said that Hartley had warned him he had a knife, a claim which Hartley denies.

The case continues.



The sign at the entrance to Hall's isolated farm

Writer's killer claims crime of passion

By Adam Fresco

A FASHION journalist was stabbed to death by her former lover who refused to accept the end of their relationship, an inquest was told yesterday.

Rudolf de Beillian is said to have admitted murdering Elizabeth Prangnell, 46, from Eastbourne, in her apartment in Paris, slashing her twice in the neck with a butcher's knife, but claimed it was a crime of passion.

The inquest at Eastbourne was told that M de Beillian, 26, told police he had been unable to believe that their relationship had ended and began to stalk Ms Prangnell, continually pestering her at her flat.

The coroner's officer read a report from the French police which said that, after Ms Prangnell refused to meet him, he let himself into her home when she returned from work three days before Christmas last year and attacked her, shaking her by the neck before stabbing her. After the killing he rang his mother, who alerted the police. His trial will take place next year. The coroner returned a verdict of unlawful killing.

Ms Prangnell had lived in Paris for 20 years, working for *Le Figaro* before recently turning freelance. Her father, William, of Westham, East Sussex, who lost an eight-year-old son when he was hit by a car, said yesterday: "The last time we saw her was a couple of weeks before Christmas when she came over with her boyfriend. We disliked him intensely. Apparently she tried to get rid of him when they got back, but he broke into her flat and killed her."

He said that his daughter, who had been married three times, "was a wonderful girl and it has broken our heart what has happened. We still cannot believe it." She had gone to France as an artist after studying at colleges in Eastbourne and London. "When she went out to France they sent her all around the world on jobs," her father said.

Actor's dog is brought to heel

By Kate Alderson

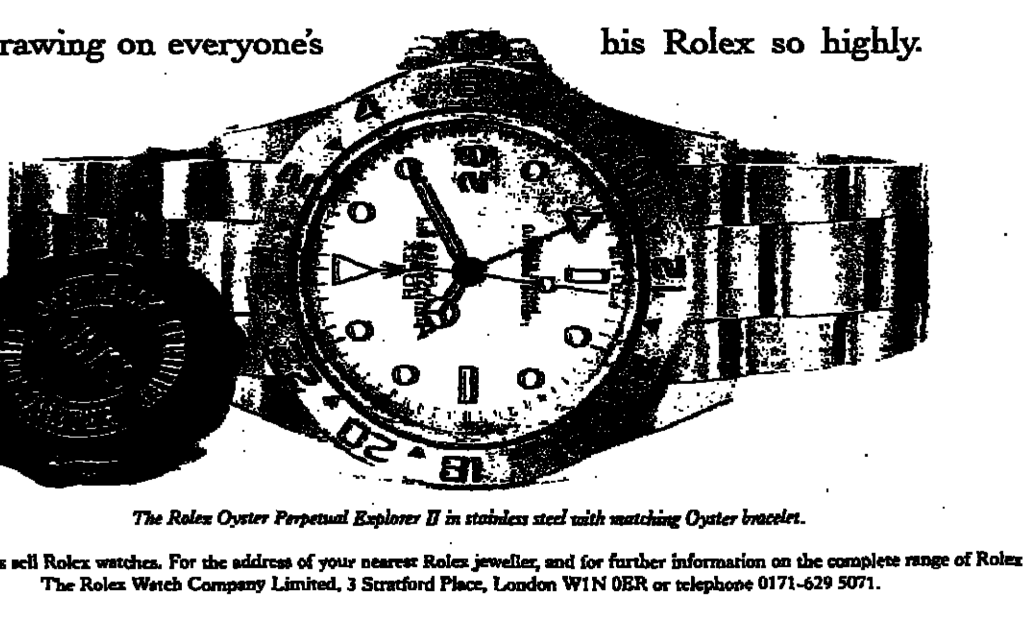
WILLIAM ROACHE, who plays Ken Barlow in *Coronation Street*, has agreed to obey a court order to control his Jack Russell terrier after a neighbour's dog was savaged to death.

Mr Roache, 64, from Wilmslow, Cheshire, did not appear before Macclesfield magistrates, but agreed through his solicitor to keep Cindy, his Jack Russell, under "proper control". Patrick McKnight, for the prosecution, told the court that in July Cindy and Harvey, Mr Roache's labrador, attacked Corrie, a Yorkshire terrier belonging to Audrey Jolley, 83, who was walking her two terriers near the Roaches' home.

"Both ran at the eldest of her dogs and attacked it together, and effectively pulled it apart," Mr McKnight said. Corrie had to be put down. Mr McKnight told magistrates there had been previous problems involving the labrador, which Mr Roache had agreed to have destroyed.

David Crank, for Mr Roache, said Cindy had previously been well behaved and, since the attack, Mr Roache and his wife, Sara, had taken steps to secure it.

Mrs Roache said after the case that she was happy with the result. "But in some ways Cindy was not guilty ... She was inspired by Harvey the labrador. Cindy was present when it happened ... but she was just barking."



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Beef farmers call for cull of all herds with BSE

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

BEEF farmers have called for a radical extension of the cattle cull, including the option of slaughtering entire herds that have had even one case of "mad cow" disease.

In the first serious rift within the cattle industry, a breakaway group of beef farmers said that the cull should certainly include the slaughter of all calves born to cows that have died of BSE. Dairy farmers are bitterly opposed to any wholesale slaughter of cattle herds and question the need for killing the progeny of BSE cows, despite evidence that some calves may have caught the disease from their dams.

The Ministry of Agriculture is understood to be considering culling only the last calves born to cows with BSE, which could involve killing 30,000 more animals than the 147,000 identified as being at special risk of developing the disease.

The rebel alliance, called Farming Collaboration, yesterday accused the mainstream National Farmers' Union and the Government of pampering dairy farmers and ignoring the interests of the beef sector. Fraser MacLeod, who heads Farming Collaboration, which was set up earlier this year to represent about 20,000 beef farmers in Scotland and the hill regions of the rest of Britain, said: "The single-industry policy adopted so far by the Government has worked against our interests. We have tried to lobby through the National Famers' Union on behalf of our members, but this has not worked. Now we feel we must put our own case. If that upsets some people, so be it."

Mr MacLeod, who is also director of the Scottish Crofters' Union, added: "In herds that have had a case of BSE in animals born on the farm, the option of slaughtering the whole herd should be carefully considered."

Many beef farmers feel they have been asked to carry the can for dairy farmers, whom they see as mainly responsible for creating the BSE problem by the intensive feeding of meat and bonemeal. This practice, now banned, is thought to have transmitted scrapie — a similar disease in sheep — to cattle.

Dairy farmers, whose herds have had more than 90 per cent of BSE cases, have escaped relatively unscathed because they have been able to continue selling milk and have been compensated for the destruction of cows over 30 months old which used to go into the food chain. But specialist beef farmers, 85 per cent of whom have had no BSE cases, have seen cattle prices drop by up to a third and feel they have received inadequate help from the Government and the European Union.

Alastair Davy, who keeps a herd of 85 Limousin beef cows in Swaledale, North Yorkshire, and is a member of the breakaway alliance, said: "Farmers like me are desperately worried about will happen in the autumn sales. Many of us have been holding animals back in the hope that prices would improve. I have never had a case of BSE, but at the moment I am looking at prices of about 115p a kilogram liveweight, compared with 160p last year, when I need at least 120p to break even. We have got to have a stricter cull policy and clear this disease right out of the national herd if we are to restore the market."

Last month the Government announced a £112 million aid package for beef farmers, partly funded by the EU. This included £29 million to offset lower prices, but will cover only cattle sold before June 30 and amount to no more than £60 an animal.

Beef farmers, who say their losses have averaged closer to £200 an animal, are demanding more aid and want it to continue throughout the autumn because prices are showing little sign of recovery.

Martin Burtt, chairman of the NFU's livestock committee, who keeps dairy cattle and sheep near Whitby, North Yorkshire, said: "I take strong exception to the suggestion that the NFU has not been fighting just as hard for beef farmers. If we do not maintain a united front, everyone will lose out. The dairy and beef industries are totally interlinked."

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Burning the flag: "The basic feeling is that the British have dumped a huge cowpat on our doorstep"

Britain blamed in German fury

From Peter Bild
in Bonn

GERMANY has announced still tighter controls on British cattle, amid fears of a collapse in consumer confidence in milk and milk products.

Anti-British feeling has spread among German farmers since a wave of flag-burning was sparked by Britain's latest admission last Friday that BSE can be transmitted from cows to calves. Now the new controls mean that the farmers may not slaughter or sell the last-born offspring of cows from British herds for which the British authorities cannot provide a BSE-free guarantee.

German farmers will have to register these cows, which will be monitored by the authorities. Bonn ministry experts also want the existing selective cull agreed by Britain to be extended to the last-born offspring of all cattle from herds where there has been one case of BSE.

Two states are applying the same rules to all calves from herds without a BSE-free certificate. Jochen Borchert, the Agriculture Minister, went out of his way to reassure consumers that milk, cheese and chocolate were safe. He advised Germans who wanted to be really sure to buy only German milk products.

The latest admission by Britain was simply the last straw for many Germans. Jann Dircks, a cattle farmer in Schleswig-Holstein, near the Danish border, was a speaker at a protest meeting when Union Flags were burned and calls were made for Britain to be thrown out of the European Union. He has a herd of 180 pure German-bred red whites, but the price he is getting at slaughter has fallen as sales of beef slumped 20 per cent.

"The British Government is to blame," he said. "They have failed to get a grip on the problem. Through their inattention and sloppy pursuit of selfish economic interests, they have ignored the fears of consumers. I accuse Britain of being selfish, but we have to solve the problem together in Europe. Chucking the British out isn't the answer."

Anti-British feeling has deep roots in the farming community. "They grab advantages for themselves and deny them to us," he said. Last year Britain vetoed financial measures agreed by all other countries to compensate German farmers for the devaluation of the pound and the revaluation of the mark, he added.

That anti-British resentment is heightened, he feels, because British farmers who have their animals culled get 75 per cent of the compensation for out of EU funds.

Thomas Graue, chief reporter of a local newspaper, said that he had never seen such tension in Schleswig-Holstein, where people are known for the placid ways: "The basic feeling is that the British have dumped a huge cowpat on our doorstep."

Dr Thomas Stuttaford surrounded by a hostile audience on Esther Rantzen's show last night

Why a diagnosis of ME can be a danger to patients

AN INVITATION by Esther Rantzen to appear on her programme last night to discuss the chronic fatigue syndrome known as ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis) was about as welcome to me, as a doctor, as an invitation to meet the lions would have been to a Christian in Roman times.

Ms Rantzen has written extensively about her daughter's troubles with ME, and whatever the nature of the illness there is no doubt from Ms Rantzen's description that it has severely and worryingly disabled her daughter.

Ms Rantzen has never made any secret of her conviction that ME is a distinct disease with a physical cause and that one of the reasons there is no cure is that research is inadequate and that traditional doctors are half-hearted in their search for a cure.

I suspect that I was chosen by Ms Rantzen as a representative of the typical, probably reactionary, doctor practising traditional medicine who characterised the majority, nearly 75 per cent, of doctors who according to a survey conducted by her programme didn't think that ME was a distinct disease with a physical cause.

Politics have prepared me for difficult, noisy meetings, and audiences with inflexible opinions. However, with the possible exception of the time I spoke to shop stewards in a railway marshalling yard during a strike, I don't think that I have ever met such aggression and stubborn refusal to listen to, let alone understand, any opinion that was contrary to their own. It was interesting how many of those taking part in the programme — relatives as well as ME sufferers — had a history of psychiatric illness themselves.

During the past few years research has purported to prove that ME is caused by a single phsyical agent that produces distinctive physical or chenical signs characteristic of the disease and of nothing else. These "breakthroughs" are, after further investigations, dismissed. A recurring problem in ME research is that sufferers have such disordered and abnormal lives that it would not be unexpected if steroid and other biochemical substances were present in unusual quantities.

The viewpoint determined by the ME Association has dangers. There must be few doctors, certainly none who look after large numbers of younger patients, who haven't seen examples of ME diagnoses that have thereby denied patients treatment that when later prescribed has restored their health.

The second, probably greater, danger is to the many patients who have psychiatric illnesses. To have these diseases — including depressive illness in its various forms, disabling as they often are — belittled by such terms as "only in the mind" and as "malingering", is at best offensive and at worst very damaging to all the efforts that have been made to improve the lot, and treatment, of the psychiatric patient.

People still have to learn that psychiatric disease can often produce very severe physical symptoms, which are not imaginary nor induced by malingering; but whether the changes that cause them have started as a reaction to psychological problems or a physical agent may be of secondary importance to finding a treatment.

☐ *The Rantzen Report — ME: the secret of an epidemic*, was broadcast last night on BBC1.

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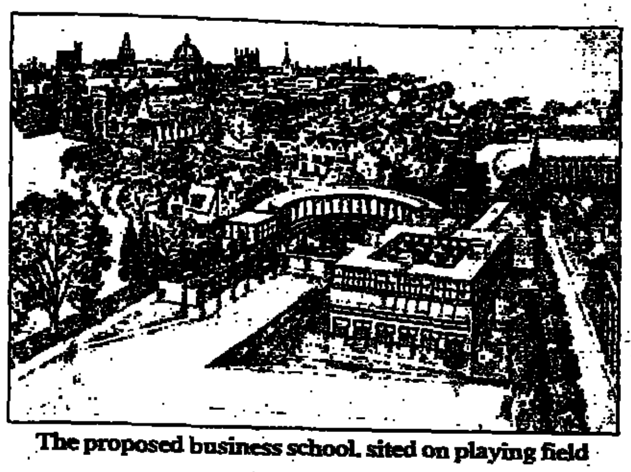
£20m gift to Oxford University jeopardised by city planners


The proposed business school, sited on playing field

By Ian Murray
Community Correspondent

THE largest donation ever made to Oxford University is in danger of being withdrawn. Wafic Said, the Syrian-born entrepreneur, wants his £20 million gift to be used towards building a business school in the heart of the university, but the scheme has fallen foul of the city's development plan.

If planning permission on a playing field near Mansfield College is refused, Mr Said will consider withdrawing his donation. He has already rejected earlier plans to site it in an extension to Oxford's existing business school at Templeton College on the city's outskirts. The business school would give Oxford a much-needed department, but influential opposition is growing, even though the university has already raised £8 million towards the total cost of £40 million. It wants the school ready for use in two years.

However, the council's planning department has said that a building on the playing field would be inappropriate. "The threat to our green spaces is very real and the desire by some patrons to have prestigious buildings put up in the centre is not always in the best interests of the city," John Walker, head of the council's environmental services, said.

Lord Bullock, the former Vice-Chancellor who chairs a new working party set up to study the impact of developments on Oxford's green spaces said: "This place is crammed with traffic and people yet the exploitation of the old university goes on and on. Everybody wants to develop here.

"Colleges now feel that with the lack of grants they have to provide accommodation to attract the best students, so they are building on the green spaces. Yet if you stop Oxford growing then these people are going to have to live in the surrounding villages and think what that will do to commuting."

The university's Congregation — its academic parliament — will decide in November whether to apply for planning permission for the business school and, despite opposition from some dons is most likely to do so. "We are giving the plan our whole-hearted support," Gill Sanders, a university spokeswoman, said. "We want it in the centre so that it can be seen to be an integral part of the university and where it can draw on other faculties, such as law and politics."

Opposition is also growing to plans for a new Unipart factory at Cowley that would be built on the edge of the city's green belt. "This development is highly visible from the green belt even if it is not actually in it," Ian Scargill, a geography lecturer who is co-ordinating the efforts of the new working party, said. "Our argument is that even if it does not spoil a picture-postcard view across flower-rich meadows to the dreaming towers, it is damaging the frame to the picture. More and more the frame is being eroded and if we do not stop it now there will be nothing left to protect. Park-and-ride schemes have added to the problem, because they spread tarmac over the green belt and increase the pressure for building development."

Pat Dendy, secretary of the Oxford branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said that the prestige of the university was helping to destroy it. "How many more institutes can be set up?" she asked. "How much longer can you go on adding to Oxford without spoiling it?"

Mother will not be told of cash offers in abortion case

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

A LEADING obstetrician is refusing to tell a patient that she is being offered thousands of pounds to change her mind about the abortion of one of her unborn twins.

Life, the anti-abortion group, is offering £1,000 from an anonymous donor to help the woman. Movement For Life, an Italian organisation, is willing to pay her £1,700 a year. But Phillip Bennett, of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, west London, will not pass on the offers to his patient, who has yet to abort her healthy 16-week-old foetus.

He told a Sunday newspaper that the woman was a 28-year-old single mother in "straitened" circumstances who already has one child and cannot cope with two more. Professor Bennett agreed to perform what is believed to be the first selective abortion for social reasons because the mother would otherwise have chosen to abort both foetuses.

A spokesman for Hammersmith Hospitals NHS Trust said: "Money isn't the issue. It is kind of them to offer and we will try and respond to them ourselves. But what we are not undertaking to do is to direct those offers to the woman in this case because that would break her confidentiality.

"Not everything is solved by a money offer. I cannot reveal what [Professor Bennett] is going to say to the patient, but the hospital and the professor are determined to keep her confidence. The quickest way of breaking that confidence would be by passing on to her these offers."

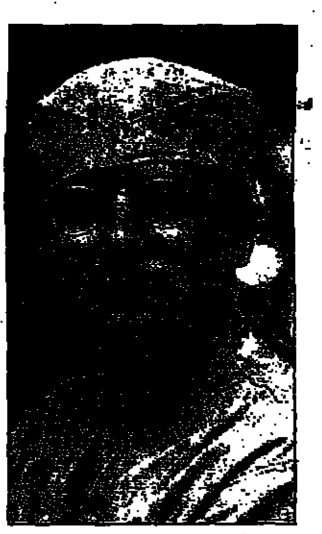
The trust said that significant details of the woman's identity had been disguised and it was unclear whether she would recognise herself from media reports.

The anti-abortion groups denied they were bribing the woman to change her mind. Life has designed a package of emergency care for her. It is willing to find her accommodation in one of its homes for pregnant women and has offered her counselling.

A spokesman said: "We are setting up a national fund to help this woman and others like her who are frightened that they will not be able to survive financially, especially if they are having twins or triplets." The charity suggests she should have the twin adopted by a childless couple if she cannot afford to raise it.

Jack Scarisbrick, Life's chairman, said: "We would not want her to think we are trying to bribe her. We are trying to say: 'Please don't do something which is horrible, liable to haunt you forever and which is going to cause all sorts of trauma and grief.'"

There were 74 selective abortions in 1994 in Britain. They are usually carried out on women who are given fertility drugs or test-tube treatments that produce multiple pregnancies. They are nearly always performed because the foetus has an abnormality or to reduce the chances of losing babies because the woman is carrying too many. This is the first known case of doctors agreeing to a selective abortion for social reasons.


Bennett: has agreed to perform the abortion

The Multiple Births Foundation, based at Queen Charlotte's, counsels women who want selective abortions, although it denied knowledge of this case. The small charity, founded to help parents of twins, triplets and quadruplets, gives advice to women who want to abort one or several foetuses.

Jane Denton, its nursing director, said: "If anybody is considering this sort of procedure and contacts us, we would certainly be always willing to see them and discuss the whole procedure and help them look at both sides."

Women who asked it about selective abortion were usually expecting triplets or quads, rather than twins. "The reason for considering the reduction on clinical grounds is clearly the greater risk to pregnancy and the children," Ms Denton said. "There is a much higher chance of a baby dying or being disabled because they are likely to be born prematurely. With twins there is still an increased risk." She denied that this meant there was abortion of demand of multiple pregnancies.

Although the charity operates from Queen Charlotte's, one of the few British hospitals specialising in selective abortions, Ms Denton said it did not send women for terminations to the experts on site. "We wouldn't refer anybody to a specific doctor."

JOHN STILLWELL

The Duke and Duchess of York made their first public appearance together since their divorce was completed when they arrived with the Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice at Wentworth Golf Club in Surrey yesterday. The Duke was playing in a celebrity tournament for charity

Army deserter blew up barracks for IRA

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A COOK who deserted the Army and joined the IRA admitted yesterday that he blew up a North Yorkshire barracks 22 years ago. Peter McMullen, 49, returned to Britain from the United States earlier this year after a long extradition battle.

He has said that he ultimately fell foul of the IRA when he refused to take part in a kidnapping plot following the bomb attack at the Claro Barracks in Ripon in March 1974. At York Crown Court, he was remanded in custody after a judge asked for reports about his life in the United States.

McMullen, born in Co Londonderry and linked by marriage to a strongly republican family, admitted taking part in planting four bombs, each weighing up to 25lbs. They were left without warning at the barracks, the headquarters of the 38th Regiment the Corps of Royal Engineers, which had many men serving in Northern Ireland. Three of the bombs went off, slightly injuring a Naafi manageress. The fourth was exploded by the Bomb Squad.

The former lance corporal was the son of an RAF gunner and spent much of his childhood on military bases in England, including Ripon. He met and married Eileen Loughran, sister of Seamus Loughran, chairman of the Belfast Republican Clubs and later spokesman for the Provisional Sinn Fein in the city.

McMullen deserted from the Army in 1972, when he was a cook on attachment to The Parachute Regiment. He crossed into the Irish Republic from Londonderry and asked for asylum. He was later arrested and charged with possession of guns, but then bailed. The IRA called him "Pete the Para".

After the attack in 1974, he was arrested in Dublin and jailed on guns possession charges. Released in 1977, he claimed he was pressed back into the service of the IRA and sent to New York to plan the kidnapping of the wealthy owner of a chain of bars.

McMullen: fled to US

When he refused to carry out the kidnapping, he was ordered to return to Dublin to appear before an IRA Court of Inquiry. In Dublin, a friend told him he had been secretly sentenced to death and he fled back to America.

In 1980, he was given permission to stay in the United States, triggering a long struggle by Britain to get him back. In March he flew voluntarily from New York, escorted by two officers from North Yorkshire Police.

McMullen leaned heavily on a stick as he entered York Crown Court, and spoke only to confirm his name and to plead guilty to four charges under the Explosives Act. Judge Myerson remanded him in custody until October.

Cancer vaccines go on trial

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE first cervical cancer vaccine will be tested in Britain next year, raising hopes for inoculations against a range of cancers.

A drugs company in Cambridge is to hold trials aimed at treating a virus linked to several sexually transmitted diseases, said the Cancer Research Campaign, which has also developed a vaccine for a virus which causes glandular fever in teenagers and cancers in transplant patients.

Cervical cancer, which affects 4,000 Britons each year and kills a third of them, is more likely in women who lose their virginity early or have many sexual partners. In nine cases out of ten it is linked to the human papillomavirus (HPV), which is blamed for genital warts.

Cantab Pharmaceuticals will use the vaccine to treat some of the 18,000 women who fail smear tests each year because they have cervical dysplasia, an early form of the cancer. The injections will replace laser therapy or surgery, which can cause infertility. By targeting the HPV, researchers hope to prevent the cancer returning.

Up to 15 per cent of cancers are linked to viruses, usually transmitted sexually or orally. Some that were once rare are common in Aids sufferers.

The Cancer Research Campaign is seeking a drugs company to test a vaccine it has developed to prevent a virus blamed for glandular fever in teenagers and young adults and which can cause cancers in people whose immune systems are suppressed.

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Cold War pictures used for study of global warming

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

PICTURES of Antarctica taken by American spy satellites in the 1960s are being used to measure changes in the ice-cap that might indicate global warming.

The images, which were declassified at the end of last year, are "a wonderful resource", Dr Kenneth Jezek, director of the Byrd Polar Research Centre at Ohio State University, said yesterday. They cover about 70 per cent of the Antarctic continent.

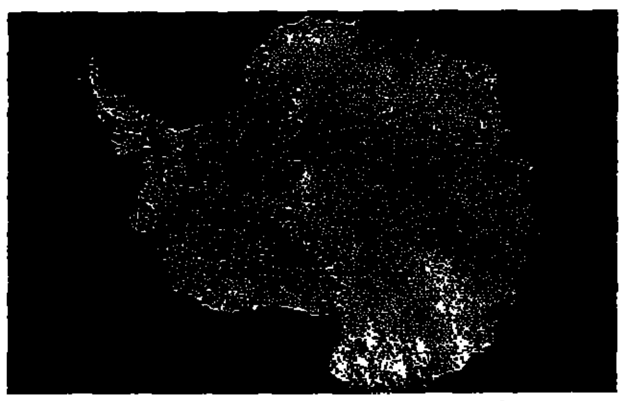
The photographs were taken by a series of spy satellites called Corona, Lanyard, and Argon, launched in the early 1960s in polar orbits to monitor Soviet military activity. While the northern hemisphere was their primary target, the opportunity was also taken to obtain pictures of Antarctica.

The pictures were taken on film, which was ejected from the satellite hundreds of miles up before floating earthwards under parachutes to be caught in mid-air by Hercules C-130 aircraft. The technique was later replaced by direct transmission of the data.

The pictures for comparison are being taken by a new satellite, launched late last year. Radarsat is a joint Canadian-American operation that will take images at radar wavelengths, enabling it to operate night or day and see through clouds.

The Radarsat data should be available in two years, enabling the extent and shape of the ice-cap to be measured and compared with the earlier records. No comprehensive survey yet exists of what is happening to the ice as temperatures rise, although observations from British Antarctic Survey bases have shown some big losses to the ice shelves.

Dr Jezek, speaking in Cambridge on the first day of an international conference on Antarctica, said that the old images had already been used to show a major change in the Ross Ice Shelf.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BT will block lines to calling-card prostitutes

Number is up for vice adverts in phone boxes

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

PROSTITUTES who persistently advertise their services on cards in telephone boxes will have all calls to their numbers blocked. The crackdown follows hundreds of complaints from people offended by the increasingly lurid advertisements.

From the end of next month, security guards will start collecting the cards and feeding the numbers into a central computer. The subscribers will be warned to stop advertising in this way and made to give a written undertaking. If they persist, all incoming calls to their numbers will be stopped. They will still be able to ring out.

The numbers will be collected nationally, with Westminster, Brighton and Manchester as the initial target areas. BT is hiring security guards because past attempts by council employees led to threats from "carders" who make more than £100 a day placing the advertisements.

In Westminster alone, almost seven million cards a year are placed in the area's 700 public telephone boxes. In the past five years, the number removed by cleaners has increased from 50,000 to 150,000 a week, but they can reappear within minutes. The council logs hundreds of complaints from residents and visitors.

The new scheme has been worked out by BT lawyers in close liaison with council officers. A pilot scheme four years ago fell foul of Oftel, the telephone regulator, which upheld a complaint by a prostitute that her line was illegally blocked. The contract of every telephone subscriber is now being altered by BT and every other operator, including Mercury, Nynex and Videotron, so that subscribers will be breaching their terms and conditions if they advertise their numbers in telephone boxes.

If a prostitute moves to a new flat with a new number, the same rules will apply. Bob Warner, director of BT Payphones, said: "This may be a nuisance to us, but it will be even more of a nuisance to a prostitute. If she persists, we will refuse to give her a line when she moves again.

"We are not going to give up on this, and mean to go on until it is stopped. If it doesn't prove effective, then we will go back to the Home Office and emphasise the case for a change in the legislation."

Robert Moreland, the chairman of Westminster's Planning and Environment Committee, said that the increasingly graphic nature of the cards was causing offence, but the main concern was to tackle litter: "This is not an attack on the sex industry, but on something which is giving London an untidy, offensive image."

Inspector Robert Holmes, of the Metropolitan Police clubs and vice unit, said the cards were becoming nastier and more colourful all the time as girls competed for custom with explicit pictures. "Foreign vistors collect these cards and post them abroad," he said. "That makes London seem a sleazy and dirty place round the world. This initiative is important because the law as it stands is too weak. We need the power to arrest the carders, confiscate their cards and take them off the streets. The offence should be recordable so that it goes into the national police computer, and repeat offenders can be punished accordingly."

Last year, Westminster was able to prosecute only 135 carders, who were each fined between £40 and £775. "They regard that as litle more than an occupational hazard or a small tax on a very lucrative income," Mr Holmes said. The council has obtained an injunction against two persistent carders, but with more than 100 operating, it has made little difference.

"Kinky Galinky", whose shiny, leather-clad shape could be seen on cards propped in payphones outside Westminster City Hall yesterday, said the new initiative would drive prostitutes on to the streets to solicit. "They don't like us hanging round corners waiting for customers, but if we can't do business on the phone, that is what will happen," she said.

ANTHONY UPTON

Advertisements in a telephone box near Charing Cross Station yesterday

Helmet's lot is not a happy one

BY STEWART TENDLER

THE policeman's helmet beloved of tourists and traditionalists is under threat from health and safety regulations to be introduced next year.

It would, however, be sadly missed. The helmet is such a strong symbol of Britain that the British Tourist Authority recently considered an official approach to the police to keep it for the sake of tourism.

From 1997, in accordance with EU directives, police work will have to be assessed to see what risks officers face. Once they have been identified, all items of equipment, including the helmet, will be scrutinised to make sure they provide adequate protection. First issued in 1864 in London, the helmet is still made by traditional methods from rabbit fur, cork and glue.

Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has said he would prefer to keep the helmets because they are so distinctive. However, the tourist authority, with a hint of sadness, conceded: "Safety must come first".

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Nowt so queer as the words some folk use

BY JOE JOSEPH

IT'S not because Cornishmen are inscrutable that they look at you in that way. It's just that they can't understand half of what you're saying.

That is the message of a new *Atlas of English Dialects* which finds that regional speech patterns have survived relatively unscathed. The book confounds linguists who predicted that dialects would die as BBC newsreaders offered benchmarks for pukkah pronunciation, as television drama brought every local accent into our sitting rooms (*Coronation Street*, *Spender*, *Crossroads*), and as greater mobility made regional tongues obsolete.

Words retain a geographical reach beyond which they lose their punch. It's not what you know or who you know that defines you, but what you say and how you say it. Henry Higgins could still place you within yards of your birthplace.

Today may be Tuesday to you, but it's Tyoozday in Cornwall, Toozday in Devon and East Anglia, and Choozday in much of Merseyside. And if you don't agree then you're just being silly, daft, addle-headed, cakey, soft, barmy or gormless. Unless you're from the Middlesbrough area, in which case you're plainly a little fond.

"Every time someone says that dialect has all gone, this is countered by new evidence that it persists," says John Widdowson, co-author of the atlas and Professor at Sheffield University's Centre for English Cultural Tradition.

Whether you throw a ball, or fling, chuck, heave, hain, pelt, cob, clod, hoy or yack it says more about you than cash ever can. Londoners have workmates, Tynesiders have marrers; many people in Yorkshire spend their day with a pal, and in Somerset with a butty, but the Home Counties prefer mates.

When they get home they might lay the table for tea down south, but more likely set it further north, except for a few people in the northeast who still like to fettle the tea, which is maybe what makes them seem quite so fond.

Grammatically, there are just we two, but most of England prefers us two, with pockets holding out for the two on us, the two of us, and thee and me. Why? Because that's the way we are, we am, we be, us be, we bin, or we am. Got that?

We can change our accents, but regional vocabulary is the slipping petticoat that betrays us. Margaret Thatcher may speak Mayfair English now, but when she called the Labour Party "frit" she was letting the world know not only that the Opposition was frightened but that her tongue was tutored in Grantham.

The atlas, published later this month by Oxford University Press, is the fruit of nearly 50 years of research. The Survey of English Dialects began in 1948. Professor Widdowson, and Dr Clive Upton, his co-author and colleague at Sheffield, attribute the rich variety of dialects largely "to the simple fact that English has been spoken in the country for upwards of 1,500 years. Even in North America, where English has been in use for some 400 years, there has been insufficient time for fragmentation of the language to occur."

Women's names, for example, or words describing women, have often been applied to cats, especially she-cats. "Tib", common in north Yorkshire, was frequently used in the 16th and 17th centuries to describe any working-class woman, from sweethearts to prostitutes. "Betty", for "female cat" lingers in East Anglia.

So if some stranger tells you that the ewe cat he bought off a didikoy last week is thirl and a goosegob just won't satisfy her, don't be frit. He's only saying that the female cat that a gypsy sold him is so hungry that it'll take more than a gooseberry to fill her up. The stranger's not cakey. Just Cornish.

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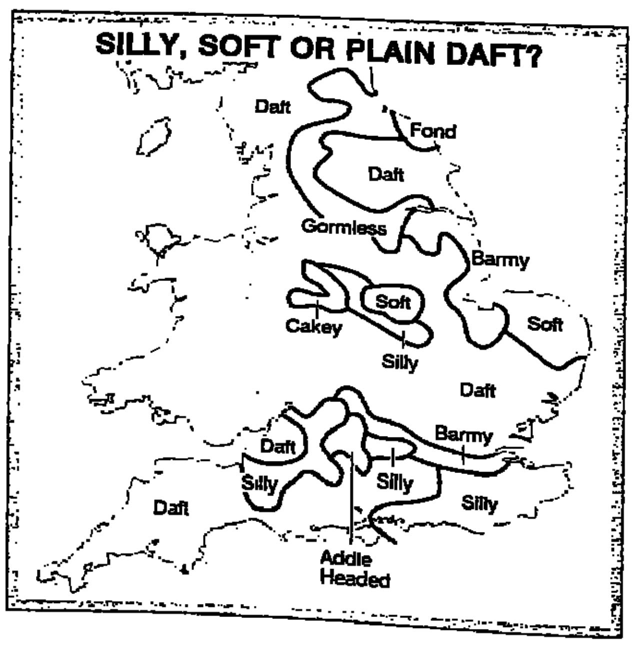

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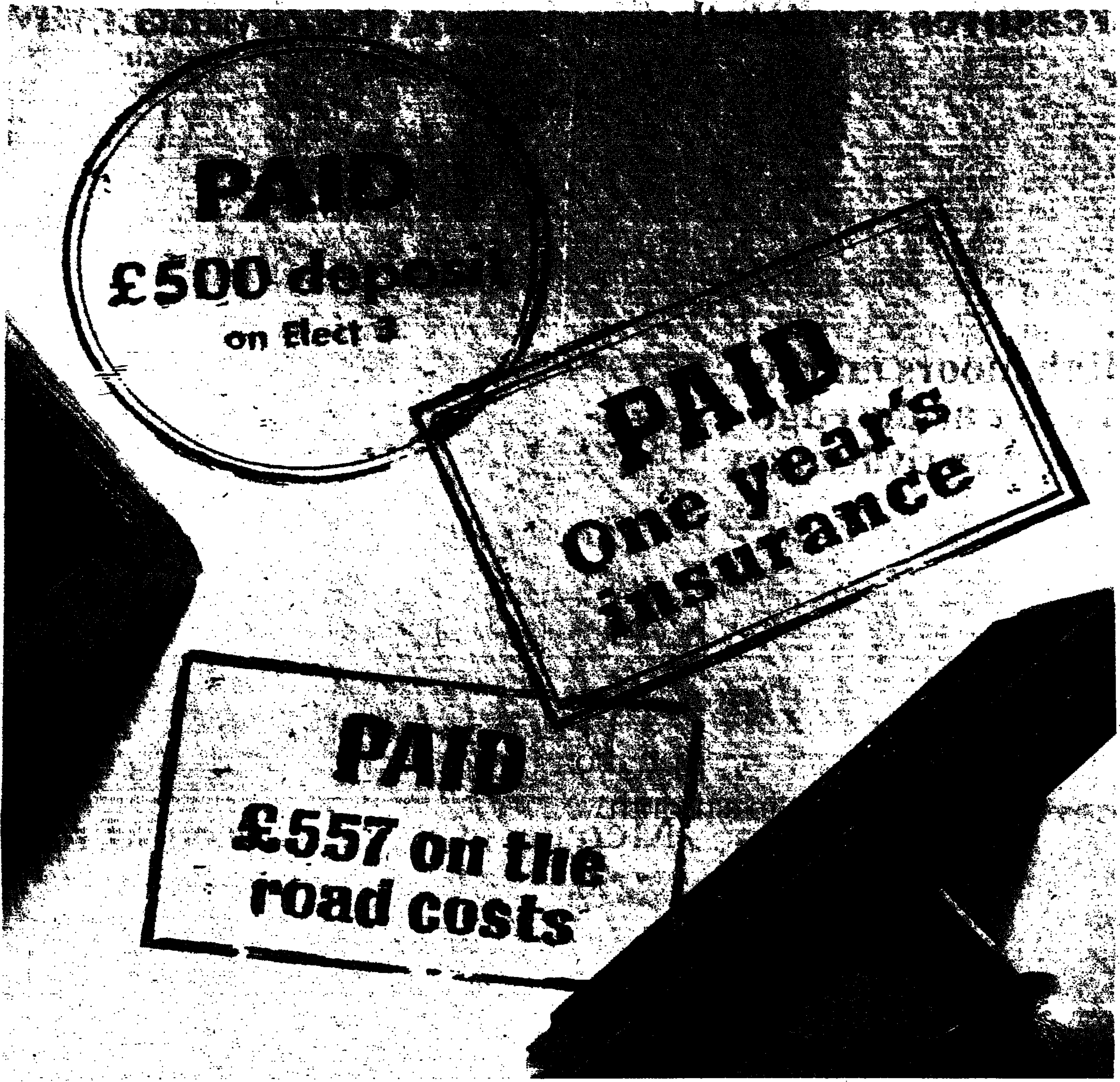

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90 per cent of ancient St Albans remains buried — 'and that is probably where it will stay'

Treasures scratch the surface of the city in a grave

By Bill Frost

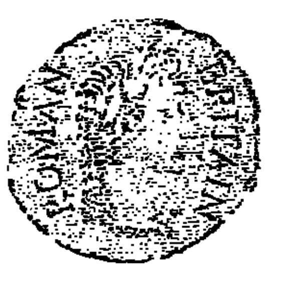
ON A bright summer's day when the grass is cropped close, Verulamium — "the city in a grave" — comes back to life in the clearly visible outlines of streets, shops, temples, basilica and forum. The archaeologists call the phenomenon "crop marking". So close is the Roman past to the 20th-century surface that the shallow roots show the skeleton of what lies beneath.

There are more tangible treasures: exquisite mosaics, evocatively battered stretches of city wall, Roman militaria, a marvellously preserved theatre, a hypocaust, pottery, jewellery, and more. There is no doubt that yesterday's Verulamium was every bit as prosperous as today's St Albans.

The Catuvellauni, who had settled the site first, were more than willing to forget the shame of occupation and embrace the Roman invaders. Collaborators were richly rewarded by the Emperor Claudius. Verulamium was to become a *municipium*, a self-governing city whose people were citizens of Rome. However, in the eyes of the turbulent tribes to the east, the Catuvellauni were traitors, exempt from high taxation and general repression.

Boudicca's revolt in AD 60-61, 12 years after the city's foundations were laid, was to bring fire and the sword to the city. Many of the tradesmen and farmers who had thrown in their lot with Rome were to pay with their lives.

Vivienne Holgate, keeper of archaeology at the magnificent Verulamium Museum in the precincts of the Roman city, has more than a sneaking respect for the Queen of the Iceni. "It is quite clear she regarded the people who lived here as Quislings. The city was a soft target and she took it."

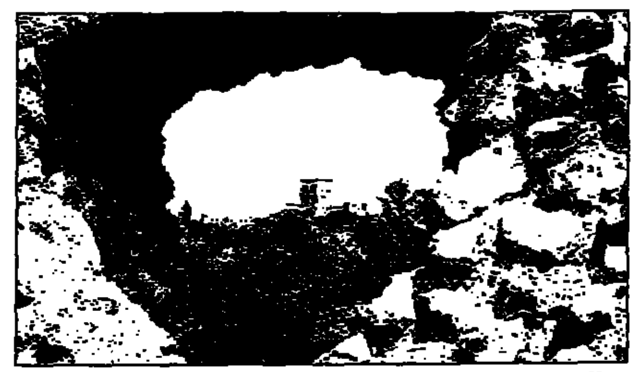


Rome, however, was not to be easily mocked. The rebels were wiped out and Verulamium rose from the ashes to become more prosperous than before.

The remarkable mosaics, commissioned by the affluent and now displayed in the museum, appear to have been given a special dispensation against the ravages of time. A lion stalks across one floor with a stag's head held between his jaws. On the seashell floor that enjoys pride of place in the museum, the shell floats above a horizon of gently rolling waves. Even the noisiest school party stands in mute admiration.

A horned god glares balefully from another perfectly preserved mosaic. His domain was either the sea or the forest; scholars are not sure. Elsewhere in the gallery, large fragments of wall have been carefully pieced together to recreate room settings using original colour schemes.

The hypocaust, a short walk from the museum across the dry grass pattern of streets and buildings, reminds the visitor once again of Rome's efficiency and sophistication. Beneath another fine mosaic, this precursor to modern central heating can be seen in all its simple splendour.



St Albans Cathedral seen through the Roman wall

The Romans had no intention of enduring a climate they found unpleasantly cold in winter. The charcoal burning hypocaust gave all the comforts of a warmer home far from conquered Britain. Air heated in the furnace circulated beneath the floor. The essential through-draught was provided by ventilation tiles set in the walls.

Neither were the Romans to be denied their traditional diversions. As a contemporary writer observed in AD 150: "The success of government depends on amusements as much as serious matters. The shows keep the population happy."

Verulamium's theatre, large sections of which still stand, was used for bear-baiting and cock-fighting. Musical and dramatic perfomances were also mounted there. The acoustics provided by three-quarter bowl seating are remarkable. The visitor, should he or she wish to declaim, can stand close to the stage area and still be heard clearly at the back of the open-air auditorium.

Close by were houses, shops and what may have been Roman Britain's first public lavatory. All were burnt to the ground during Boudicca's sacking of the city. Sadly, much of the stone that made up the walls of Verulamium was plundered after Rome abandoned Britain in the 5th century. Among the first to dismantle the forfifications were the builders of the cathedral, who were short of material.

From the London Gate in the wall, the visitor who looks down on the crop marks that delineate Verulamium can imagine the thriving city in its heyday. Although many priceless treasures have been recovered, so much still remains tantalisingly close below the topsoil.

As an anonymous 17th-century poet wrote: "Here is corne where Troy once stood … Here's a Citie in a grave."

Mrs Holgate said: "Only 10 per cent of this site has been excavated, partly through lack of funds. It is all there, and that is probably where it will stay."

Tomorrow. York and Chester

High moors marked Exeter as the edge of Roman civilisation

By John Young

WHEN Vespasian's legion established a fortress on the banks of the River Exe in about AD 50, it marked the western limit of the Roman advance across southern England.

The high moors to the west offered little incentive to further exploration and, although there are the remains of villages in the far southwest of Cornwall, these are thought to be Celtic in origin and settled briefly by seaborne merchants engaged in the important tin trade.

But Isca Dumnoniorum, with a 5,000-strong garrison, quickly developed as the administrative centre for the Dumnonii tribe of Devon, Cornwall and west Somerset, linked by the Fosse Way to Ilchester, Bath, Cirencester and eventually Lincoln. At the end of the 2nd Century AD the earth ramparts were replaced by a massive stone wall, about three quarters of which survives, albeit in some cases incorporated into other structures.

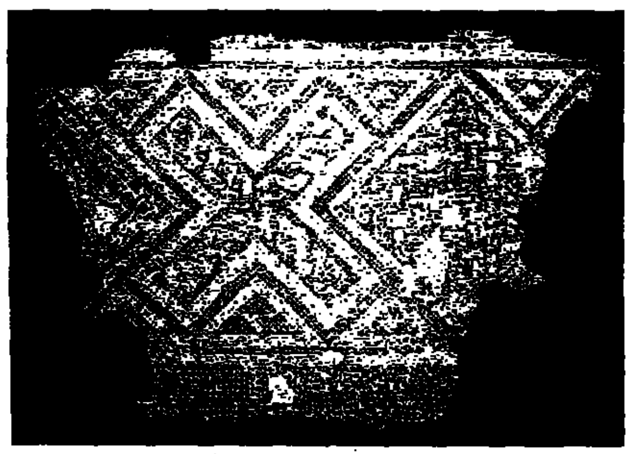
Exeter, as it was later named, prospered throughout medieval times as an important port and centre of the cloth trade and was for a time the sixth largest city in England. However, in May 1942, it became the target for one of Hitler's notorious "Baedeker" raids, aimed at historic towns and cities in an attempt to undermine morale.

Almost 40 acres were destroyed or damaged beyond repair, and postwar rebuilding, though not quite as crass as in neighbouring Plymouth, has covered most of the city's heritage. The walls can, however, be seen from several vantage points, notably the gardens surrounding the remains of the Norman Rougemont Castle. By far the most notable recent discovery was the site of the great basilica and bath house in the Cathedral Close.

After excavation the ruins were covered, and controversy has raged over whether to erect a building to display them *in situ*. The city council favours the idea, but others say it would destroy the peace of the close. In the meantime, a model of the bath house and a selection of mosaics can be seen in the city's Royal Albert Memorial Museum, as well as a collection of amphora, glassware and Samarian and local stoneware.

Some 50 miles to the east are the remains of the great Iron Age hilltop fortress, Maiden Castle, stormed by troops of the Second Augustan Legion in AD 43. Nearby the Romans founded the town of Durnovaria, now Dorchester, which became the administrative capital of the Durotriges tribe.

Dorchester can boast two impressive Roman relics. One is the large grassland amphitheatre, known as Maumbury Rings, on the southwest corner of the town. The other is half a mile north, in Colliton Park. Nestling in a hollow below a complex of municipal buildings are the most extensive and best preserved remains of a Roman townhouse in Britain.



Mosaic from a footpath, now in an Exeter museum

Myths abound about Boudicca, including that she rode in a gold chariot fitted with knives. In fact, she used a traditional wicker carriage

Merciless fury of a queen scorned

By Emma Wilkins

WITH her mass of red hair and her battle-cry of "take no prisoners", Boudicca struck fear into the hearts of her hated Roman foes. During the sacking first of Colchester, then of London and St Albans, the Queen of the Iceni put thousands of terrified citizens to the sword.

Her orders that the dead bodies of London townswomen be sexually mutilated were enthusiastically carried out by Iceni warriors. While her tactics were brutal, Boudicca's cause for rebellion against the invaders was a noble one. She was in her 30s when her husband Prasutagus died in AD 60, leaving his two young daughters and the Emperor Nero as joint heirs.

A party of Roman officials was duly sent to the royal palace to carry out an inventory. In an act of gross political folly, the officials decided to humiliate Boudicca, who had resisted their meddling in her kingdom. She was stripped and flogged like a common criminal while her daughters were gang-raped. The outrage became the spark for a mass revolt, with the Trinovantes of Essex joining the fight.

Boudicca and her armies swept all before her, coming close to ending the Roman domination of Britain just 17 years after their invasion. Tacitus records the assault on the citizens of London: "All those left behind were butchered; the British took no prisoners, nor did they consider the money they could get for selling slaves: it was the gibbet, fire and the cross."

After the destruction of Colchester and London, Boudicca's forces swarmed up Watling Street to St Albans, one of the earliest and most prosperous Roman towns. Despite the atrocities already committed, the bloodlust of the Britons was still not sated. Indeed, they reserved a particular hatred for the Catuvellauni of Verulamium. Layers of charcoal, clay and ash mark the destruction of the town.

Her ill-disciplined army of about 100,000 was finally defeated somewhere in the Midlands by a smaller number of well-trained Roman troops under Suetonius Paullinus, the Governor. In a rousing speech before the battle, Boudicca told her warriors that she came before them not as a Queen of royal blood but as an ordinary woman who had been flogged. "This is my resolve as a woman — follow me or submit to the Roman yoke," she said.

Theories abound about Boudicca's end, the most popular being that she committed suicide in AD 61 by drinking poison after the battle. Even her name has been the subject of confusion. The name Boudica comes from the Celtic word *bouda*, meaning victory. Various references have been found to Celtic women called Boudiga, or Victoria in modern translation. The first error was made by Tacitus, who called her Boudicca with a double "c". Then a monk in the Middle Ages, transcribing a manuscript, got it wrong again and she became Boadicea. However, Tacitus's misspelling is the most widely used today.

Her burial place is unknown, but the popular belief that she lies below the platform of a mainline railway station is almost certainly untrue. Sadly, another myth is shattered by historians. Rather than cutting through her enemies in a chariot of burnished gold, the Queen of the Iceni got about in a traditional Celtic wicker basket on wheels.

Cassis Dio's account of the origins of the revolt gives an insight into how the Romans regarded Boudicca: "The person who was chiefly instrumental in rousing the natives and persuading them to fight the Romans .. was Boudicca, a British woman of the royal family and possessed of greater intelligence than often belongs to women."

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Optimistic Israel offers peace deal to Syrians

US acts as broker with Damascus

By Ross Dunn in Jerusalem and Our Foreign Staff

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, the Israeli Prime Minister, disclosed yesterday that his Government had submitted a secret peace proposal to Syria via the United States and was hopeful of a positive reply.

The proposal was submitted on Friday, one day before Jordan's King Husain held a reconciliation meeting with President al-Assad in Damascus. Before the meeting of the two Arab leaders, King Husain held secret talks in London just over a week ago to discuss a strategy for reaching a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement.

The Israeli proposal appeared to have prompted intensive diplomatic activity. Yesterday Elias Hrawi, the Lebanese President, arrived in Damascus for surprise talks with Mr Assad to discuss relations with Israel.

Speaking in Amman yesterday during his first official trip to Jordan, Mr Netanyahu said the King had told him his meeting in Syria had provided hope for the Middle East peace process. At a joint news conference with the King, Mr Netanyahu said: "What I learnt was that there was a clear expression of a desire to resume the quest for peace in Damascus, and that is encouraging.

"It is something that we will readily take up. We are prepared to engage in peace negotiations with Syria on all outstanding matters ... our purpose is to achieve a formal peace with Syria."

Nr Netanyahu also defended his policy of wanting to make peace with Lebanon before Syria, which would include a negotiated Israeli troop withdrawal from south Lebanon in return for peace along the border.

"We have no territorial claims on Lebanon whatsoever, all we seek to achieve on the Lebanon border [with Israel] is tranquility and security," he said. "And if this is agreed on by others, it can be a very good starting point to build trust and confidence with Syria to help negotiations."

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, reviews a Beduin guard of honour in Amman yesterday

Israel's peace talks with Syria and Lebanon, which began in 1991, have been stalled for some time over the fate of the strategic Golan Heights, captured by Israel during the 1967 war, and the future of south Lebanon which has been under Israeli occupation since 1981.

Relations between Syria and Israel were further complicated by the election of Mr Netanyahu, who has declared publicly that he would never give up the Golan and is opposed to swapping land in return for peace.

Syria, the main foreign power broker in Lebanon, where it has stationed more than 30,000 troops, and Lebanon are demanding that Israel withdraw from the Golan and south Lebanon before they will agree to sign peace treaties.

Before his meeting with King Husain there were some strong emotional moments for both the Jordanian and Israeli leaders. Mr Netanyahu laid a wreath at the graves of the King's grandfather, Abdullah, and father, Talal. King Abdullah, who favoured peace with Israel, was assassinated in 1951 as he entered Jerusalem's Al Aqsa mosque. King Husain, then 15 years old, was standing next to him. Following these ceremonies, Mr Netanyahu and the King also discussed bolstering the economic links between the two countries.

The King told Mr Netanyahu that Jordanians needed to see a greater economic dividend from the peace treaty Jordan signed with Israel in 1994. The King raised the issues of trade, investment and water.

In particular, Jordan demanded that Israel allow greater export quotas, especially of cement, into Palestinian territories. On the question of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Mr Netanyahu had some good news for the Palestinians.

The Israeli leader said he and Yitzhak Mordechi, the Defence Minister, had decided to ease closure of these areas, enabling another 5,000 Palestinian workers to travel to jobs inside Israel.

"We don't apply closure in principle ... it is a measure of security that fluctuates according to the conditions," he said. Israel had already begun easing the closure on the territories imposed after a wave of suicide bombings in February and March, which left more than 50 people dead.

Mr Netanyahu also said that Israel could begin talks with the Palestinians in a few weeks on a promised troop withdrawal from the West Bank town of Hebron.

Yesterday Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, revealed that he had written to Mr Netanyahu to complain that the Israeli Government's decision to renew settlement building in occupied Arab land violated the peace process.

"I have sent him [Netanyahu] a letter and I made this letter available to all our friends, including the sponsors of the peace process, America and Russia," Mr Arafat said. "What happened is a violation of what had been agreed upon. It was agreed to freeze the expansion of settlements and not to bring about any demographic or topographic changes during the interim period."

Two Israeli soldiers were wounded in a Hezbollah mortar attack in south Lebanon yesterday. They suffered minor wounds and were airlifted to Israel for treatment.

Police outwitted by Indonesia's opposition leader

From Christopher Thomas in Jakarta

SEVEN shirt-sleeved lawyers emerged beaming from police headquarters in Jakarta yesterday after successfully challenging a summons for Indonesia's pro-democracy leader to submit herself for interrogation.

They did so by raising a series of legal flaws in the document, calculated to irritate the military-backed Government, which is unsure how to handle such deliberate low-key defiance.

Megawati Sukarnoputri was to have appeared at 10 am. An hour and ten minutes later her lawyers arrived and explained why she would not attend. The police admitted their summons contained a number of technical deficiencies and said they would issue another in the coming days. If it is in order, Miss Megawati plans to comply.

The twist in the cat-and-mouse game between an all-powerful Government and opposition is another small triumph for Miss Megawati, whose father, Sukarno, was the country's founding President. What remains to be seen is whether she will be charged with a criminal offence relating to riots by her supporters on June 27, which caused millions of pounds-worth of damage in central Jakarta.

Megawati: urban poor are main supporters

She has touched a nerve of public opinion, at least among the urban poor who are the bedrock of her support. Government figures published yesterday showed that only 60,000 out of 170,000 university graduates find work each year and most of the rest remain unemployed indefinitely. "Unemployment among clever people is dangerous," Abdul Latief, the Minister of Manpower, said.

Jakarta looks like many South-East Asian "tiger" cities, with feverish construction, traffic congestion and huge wealth. Beyond the capital and other big Indonesian cities, however, 30 million people in a country of 191 million live in "absolute poverty" by World Bank definitions. In 20 years, gross domestic product has risen 900 percentage points and the World Bank has lifted its income status from low to "lower-middle".

But this has eluded the huge urban underclass. More than 48 per cent of people in Jakarta have no access to drinkable water or primary health services, yet there is a continuing flood of people to the capital and other cities. Within seven years more than half the population will be urban, further straining overstretched infrastructure and threatening greater popular unrest. Miss Megawati draws increasing support from middle classes frustrated by high-level corruption and resentment at vast wealth accumulated by President Suharto's family and friends. But without army support there is almost no prospect of a popular opposition movement taking hold in Indonesia.

Japanese take a break from the work ethic

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

IN HOT and sultry cities across Japan, workers are being coaxed by the Government to leave their desks and work benches and enjoy a proper summer holiday.

Labour Ministry posters in railway stations and company canteens exhort employees to "Take the Dive — relax properly. Have a complete week off and feel refreshed." In government-sponsored lectures, workers are taught how to relax for a week.

Japan is renowned for its work ethic, but the summer campaign is part of a government drive to bring overall working hours closer to the US and British average. Japanese work 200 more hours a year. Many business leaders support the campaign because a better balance between work and leisure helps to increase employees' efficiency.

On average, workers here only take about 60 per cent of their annual paid holiday entitlement, fearful of putting an extra burden on colleagues and damaging promotion prospects.

Managers at Mitsubishi Oil, discovering that most staff took only half their 20-day annual vacation, decided to impose fines for each day they failed to take off. The idea was so successful that employees took almost all their holiday due.

Mitsubishi Chemical cancelled all company meetings and conferences scheduled for the first half of this month.

"If there are no meetings to attend, people won't feel they're missing anything," a spokesman explained.

"I take three days off in summer and I wouldn't know what to do with myself if I had longer," Hajime Ishii, a garage mechanic, said. "To take longer would inconvenience everyone else in the garage."

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Dole pledges huge tax cuts in attempt to gain on Clinton

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE called for one of history's largest tax cuts yesterday in a breathtaking attempt to galvanise his faltering presidential campaign.

Mr Dole, who spent much of his 27-year Senate career championing deficit reduction, proposed a package of cuts worth $548 billion (£353 billion) over six years as the long-awaited centrepiece of his White House bid. This would include a 15 per cent across-the-board reduction in personal income taxes benefiting an estimated 90 million Americans.

Mr Dole, who trails President Clinton by about 20 points, clearly hopes the tax cut promise will work the same political magic for him as it did for his Republican predecessors Ronald Reagan and George Bush in the 1980s, and he certainly managed to draw a dramatic distinction between himself and Mr Clinton for the first time in this election.

Donald Rumsfield, one of his top campaign advisers, called the announcement "the beginning of the campaign for 1996", and predicted: "You're going to see the polls close dramatically." On Saturday Mr Dole reveals his running mate. Next week he will be formally nominated at the Republican convention in San Diego.

Steve Forbes, who lost to Mr Dole in the Republican presidential primaries but is now acting as one of his advisers, said: "This will be the equivalent of Moscow in 1941 — the first major check of the German army. It doesn't mean Dole is going to win the campaign. But it is the first time Clinton ceded major ground."

However, the White House mounted a swift and savage counter-offensive, calling Mr Dole's tax-cutting package the "absolutely irresponsible" ploy of a desperate politician, and ridiculing his claims that he could simultaneously balance the federal budget.

Mr Clinton insisted the tax cuts would "balloon the deficit, raise interest rates and weaken the economy", and vowed to fight any attempt to repeat the mistakes of the tax-slashing 1980s when the national debt quadrupled to $4,000 billion.

White House aides gleefully produced numerous examples of Mr Dole mocking the supply-side economists of the Reagan era who argued that tax cuts produced enough economic growth to offset lost revenues. Mr Dole deserved "the gold medal for the flip-flop," said Leon Panetta, Mr Clinton's chief of staff.

The President is vulnerable on the tax issue, having abandoned his election promise of middle-class tax cuts in favour of deficit reduction, but polls suggest most voters are content with his economic stewardship and it is far from certain they will embrace Mr Dole's more daring package.

Americans are far more suspicious of politicians' promises than they were in Mr Reagan's day, especially after President Bush reneged on his solemn "no new taxes" vow. They are also far more worried by the corrosive economic effects of a national debt that now exceeds $5,000 billion.

A recent *Wall Street Journal* poll showed that 70 per cent would regard a 15 per cent income tax cut as a campaign gimmick, not a serious policy proposal, and yesterday's *New York Times* — anticipating Mr Dole's announcement — called it "fiscally reckless".

Mr Dole, speaking in Chicago, portrayed his tax cut package as part of a comprehensive plan to replace the "anaemic" expansion of recent years with much more robust economic growth that would raise living standards for all Americans.

The 15 per cent income tax reductions, reducing the top and bottom rates to 33.7 and 12.8 per cent respectively, would be phased in over three years from 1997 and cost $406 billion. Mr Dole also promised a $500-per-child tax credit for families, a halving of the capital gains tax rate, tax breaks for education and training, a simpler tax code and a less intrusive Internal Revenue Service.

Mr Dole insisted he could achieve all this without further cuts in government health care, social security and defence programmes, and still meet the Republicans' goal of a balanced budget by 2002. He said the economic growth resulting from the cuts would generate an estimated $146 billion in new revenues, and the Republican Congress has already identified $122 billion in spending cuts. But the Dole campaign offered only sketchy details of how the remaining $290 billion in required savings could be found.

Mr Dole put his package together with the help of John Taylor, a Stanford University economist, and Gary Taylor, a Nobel laureate. Laura Tyson, Mr Clinton's chief economic adviser, called the plan "incredible, simply incredible. It will simply blow a huge hole in the deficit".

THE MAIN PROPOSALS

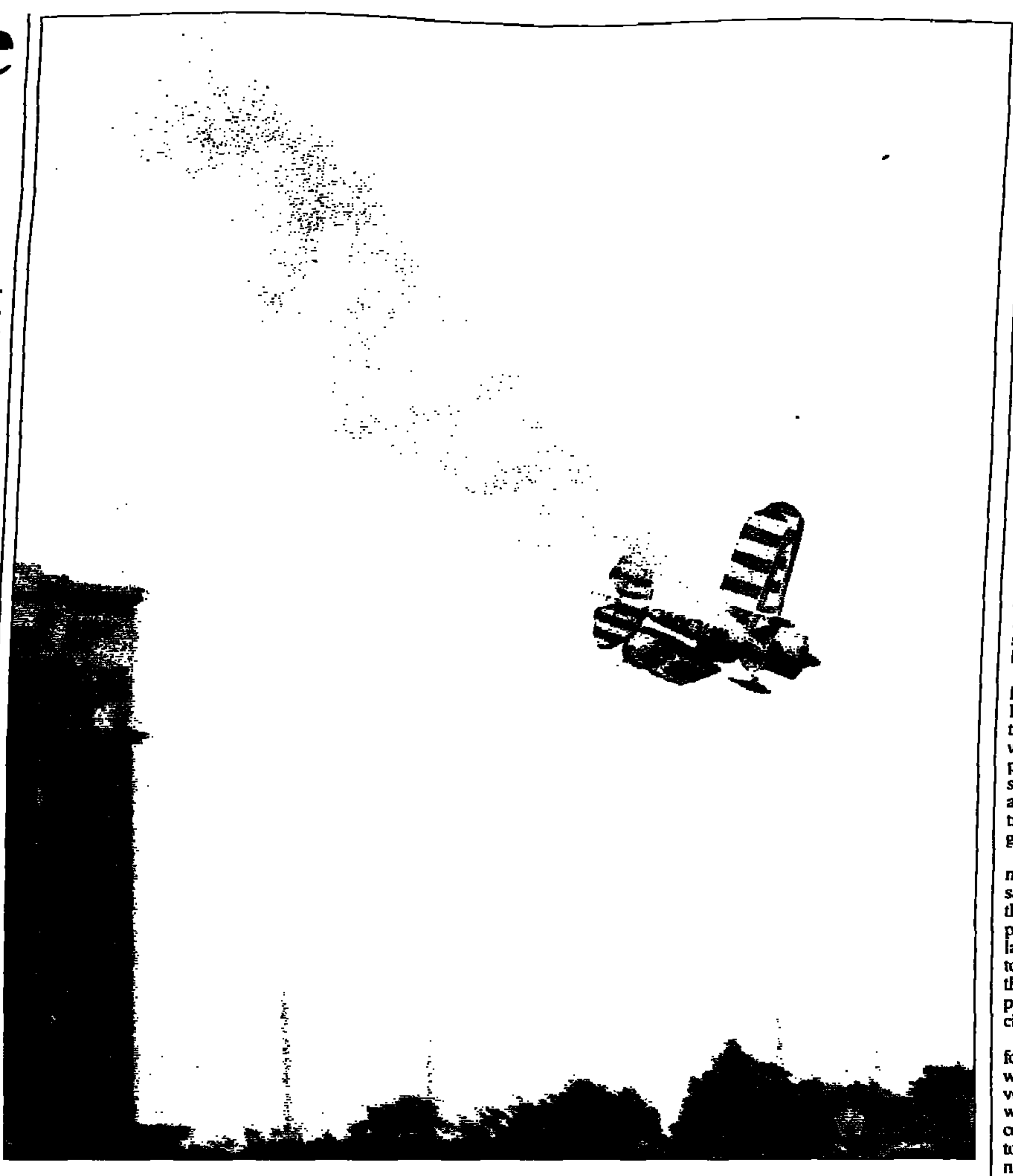
☐ Personal income tax rates will be lowered by 15 per cent in three steps starting in 1997, providing tax relief across the board.

☐ Maximum capital gains taxes on individuals will be lowered to 14 per cent from 28 per cent to stimulate saving and investment.

☐ A $500 credit for every child 18 years of age and younger will be provided to low- and middle-income families.

☐ An expansion of Individual Retirement Accounts. Tax-free incentives for job training and investing in education.

☐ Repeal of President Clinton's 1993 tax hike on Social Security benefits.



Stunt pilot dies after wing disintegrates

Clarence "Clancy" Speal, a stunt pilot, plummets towards the Ohio river on Sunday evening, above, after the port double wing sheared away from his biplane during an aeronautics display in Pittsburgh. The police failed to recover his body at the crash site, left (Quentin Letts writes).

Mr Speal, whose family were watching his stunts at the Three Rivers Regatta, was presumed dead. The crash was filmed by an amateur cameraman and the biplane's descent was broadcast on American television. Mr Speal was described as an experienced pilot and no reason was given for the disintegration of the wing.

Jet bomb may have been in transplant container

FROM QUENTIN LETTS
IN NEW YORK

A BOMB may have been hidden in an organ transplant cool box which was loaded on TWA Flight 800 shortly before take-off, it was suggested yesterday.

A Styrofoam box containing human corneas was meant to have been taken aboard the jumbo jet moments before the doors were closed at John F. Kennedy airport in New York. A newspaper yesterday reported that a crash investigator it did not name feared that the real box was switched for a similar one containing a bomb.

The corneas were intended for a hospital in Paris and Flight 800 was designated as a transplant-carrying flight, which normally ensures that planes are given special consideration by air traffic control and airports to make the transportation of human organs as swift as possible.

Transplant boxes are normally placed in cockpits, to safeguard them and to ensure that they can be taken off the plane as quickly as possible on landing. The TWA jet appears to have crashed after something ripped off the front of the plane while it was still climbing.

"If we find there is Styrofoam all over the cockpit we will have to go back and take a very close look to see if there was a switch of the box's contents," a crash investigator told the *New York Post*. It was not known if the box was properly searched, the newspaper said. With human organs, security guards may have preferred to let the box through without opening it, and security consultants yesterday asked questions about the level of scrutiny of baggage at American airports.

Forensic scientists yesterday set to work untangling the wreckage of the cockpit which was brought to the surface of Moriches Bay after being located by a remote-controlled search vehicle at the weekend. Robert Francis, vice-chairman of the US National Transport Safety Board, described the latest, important piece of wreckage as "a mass of spaghetti-like wires" and predicted that it would take some time to untangle. He urged people to be patient and understand the difficulties of the investigation.

James Kallstrom, assistant director of the FBI, said: "To see that massive jumble of wires certainly brought home to me how difficult it is going to be if the rest of the front of the plane looks like that'

Recovery workers have found 194 bodies of the 230 people who died in the crash.

US sanctions against Iran and Libya anger allies

D'Amato: sponsor of US legislation to punish investment in Iran and Libya

BY TOM RHODES
IN WASHINGTON
AND MICHAEL BINYON

UNDER pressure from Republicans to take military action against Tehran, President Clinton yesterday announced sanctions designed to punish foreign investment in Iran and Libya, triggering another row with Britain and other American allies in Europe.

The President urged the allies to unite behind a common resolution to punish countries that export terror. "The United States has to act. I hope that some day soon people will realise that you cannot do business by day with countries who are killing your people by night," he said.

In a speech later he added: "Stopping the threat of terrorism requires a common resolution. Where we do not agree, the US cannot and will not refuse to do what we think is right."

Mr Clinton, in signing the legislation sponsored by Alfonse D'Amato, the leading Republican senator, described Iran and Libya as "two of the most dangerous supporters of terrorism in the world". The embargo, requiring the President to impose sanctions on foreign companies that invest $40 million (£25 million) or more annually in the energy sectors of Iran and Libya, comes a month after the US provoked a diplomatic row with its allies over the Helms-Burton Bill, which punishes foreign investment in Cuba. European states voiced strong opposition to the latest sanctions, and gave a warning of retaliation.

At the same time officials in Britain said that any talk of airstrikes against Iranian targets in response to the destruction of the TWA plane and the bombing of an American base in Saudi Arabia was premature. They said there was still no conclusive proof linking Iran with the atrocities.

France said that it would vigorously defend its national interests. A Foreign Ministry spokesman promised retaliation for any damage to French trade, and said Washington had not given its allies any evidence that Iran was involved in the attacks.

A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We agree that there should be a common Western policy on Iran and Libya. But we cannot accept US pressure to impose sanctions under the threat of mandatory penalties."

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EU battles to salvage Mostar deal

BY MICHAEL BINYON
AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

EUROPEAN Union negotiators were yesterday frantically trying to prevent the breakdown of attempts to broker a Croat-Muslim compromise in the divided city of Mostar. They fear that if the EU is forced to withdraw only six weeks before scheduled general elections in Bosnia, the entire Dayton peace process will be thrown in jeopardy.

The refusal of Croats in Mostar to accept the results of elections to the city council is seen as setting an ominous example to any other group in Bosnia which does not like the outcome of the poll on September 14. Croat intransigence in Mostar has left EU and American negotiators frustrated. President Tudjman of Croatia was summoned to Washington last week to explain the impasse to President Clinton.

"What point is there holding elections in September if one side knows that if they are disappointed with the results, they can ignore the fact that the voting ever took place?" one American official said at the weekend.

The Mostar Croats complained that there were irregularities in the voting by Bosnian refugees allowed to cast ballots in Bonn. Their complaints were investigated and rejected by the EU ombudsman, who said they were too trivial to bother about.

The Croat HDZ party and the Muslim-led SDA party each won 16 seats, but the balance of power still went to the SDA when five independents aligned with the Muslims.

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Bomb suspect threatens to sue FBI

BY QUENTIN LETTS

Richard Jewell, in fatigues, poses with an M16

RICHARD JEWELL, the security guard suspected by the FBI of planting the bomb at the Atlanta Olympics, took legal action yesterday in an attempt to force investigators to say what evidence, if any, they have against him.

An increasingly angry Mr Jewell hired a second and more prominent lawyer, Jack Martin. His first lawyer, Watson Bryant, continued to make the rounds of television and radio stations, claiming that his client was "being hung out to dry" by the FBI. Mr Jewell was "mad as hell" with investigators.

Mr Martin, a former chairman of the Georgia Association of Defence Lawyers, suddenly made it a fairer match between the 500 government investigators — who have been trying to "psych out" their prey — and the suspect with his lone legal representative. Mr Bryant, a provincial attorney, has made a fair job of defending Mr Jewell, but admitted that he needed a senior lawyer to help him.

Mr Martin yesterday asked the US attorney to unseal an FBI search warrant affidavit which explains why law enforcers have taken such a strong, almost bullying line against a man who was initially hailed as a hero for finding the bomb in Atlanta's Centennial Park shortly before it exploded. Two people died in the incident, and more than 100 were injured.

On the advice of his lawyers, Mr Jewell is still refusing to give the FBI an official sample of his voice.

They want him to sit in front of a microphone and repeat, several times, the words of the mystery telephone caller who rang police 18 minutes before the bomb exploded to say: "There is a bomb in Centennial Park. You have 30 minutes." Voice-print machines, which examine timbre and cadence, may be able to deduce if Mr Jewell was the caller.

Mr Bryant did not rule out a lawsuit against the FBI by Mr Jewell and his mother if no strong evidence against him is disclosed.

He said that Mr Jewell's employment prospects as a security guard were now bleak. The elderly Mrs Jewell, meanwhile, felt that her reputation had been sullied.

Scorned Atlanta brought down to earth

ATLANTA emptied yesterday, as if the plug had been pulled from a vast bath (Quentin Letts writes). About 250,000 people flew out of its airport and countless others left by car and bus after the Centennial Olympics concluded with a colourful, three-hour closing ceremony.

The city came down with a bump after a fortnight of festivities, irritations and some sadness. There was anger that Juan Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), did not deliver his traditional compliment to the host city and describe the Games as "the greatest ever". Instead, he announced at the closing ceremony that they had been "most exceptional" — which Atlantans took as a terrible snub.

Señor Samaranch, along with many other international visitors, is said to feel that the Games were over-commercialised by Atlanta. As if in response, the Atlanta-based CNN television broadcast repeated tributes to the city on its 24-hour news service.

Hotel receptionists struggled yesterday morning as guests left. Computer printer ribbons at the Marriot Marquis turned hot as they detailed the bills rung up by IOC members over the past fortnight. For many hotel, restaurant and shop employees, the end of the Games meant an end of work. Hundreds of buses which were lent to Atlanta by other US cities were fuelled and started the long trip home.

The security measures which were in place for the Games appeared to vanish the moment the Olympic flame was extinguished. IOC representatives returning to the city centre after the closing ceremony were surprised to find that the security checkpoints had been deserted. "Let us hope potential terrorists are as prompt in leaving town," said one Olympic delegate. Atlanta is now likely to go through a period of anti-climax — "post-Olympic syndrome" as it is being called. Local people who pumped themselves up with Games excitement yesterday felt a sympathy for the giant inflatable beer-can advertisement which hovered over Atlanta and was yesterday pulled down to the ground and deflated.

President Clinton detected Atlanta's hurt at Señor Samaranch's remarks and praised the city's "great effort". But the President, perhaps referring to the raw nationalism which characterised American television coverage of the Games, and the sometimes unattractive baying of "USA! USA!" by the crowds whenever a foreigner looked like doing well, also emphasised that it was important to praise all 197 countries that took part in the Olympics. "They all did their best." said Mr Clinton.

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Sacked minister's bribe allegations shock South Africa

From R.W. Johnson
in Johannesburg

SOUTH AFRICA has been shocked by corruption allegations made by Bantu Holomisa, the recently dismissed deputy minister. His allegations implicate not only Steve Tshwete, a Cabinet minister, but also Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, and even President Mandela himself.

The African National Congress has been thrown into confusion by the affair, not only because Mr Holomisa is one of the party's most popular figures — topping the poll at the last party congress — but also because the affair could tarnish the President's image and perhaps even destroy Mr Mbeki's hopes of succeeding Mr Mandela.

The affair began with Mr Holomisa's allegation before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that Stella Sicgau, one of his Cabinet colleagues, had received 50,000 rands (£7,250) as part of a 2 million rands bribe paid to the former Transkei Government, in which she served, by Sol Kerzner, the hotel magnate, in return for government favours towards his casino interests there. Although Mrs Sicgau has not denied receiving the payment, the ANC was embarrassed by the allegation and Mr Holomisa was not only threatened with disciplinary proceedings (thus bringing a furious response from the truth commission, whose entire purpose stands to be undermined by the affair), but was then also dismissed.

The commission says that nobody can be expected to come forward to give it evidence if Mr Holomisa is so evidently punished for speaking out. Mr Holomisa's dismissal apparently happened at Mr Mbeki's order, because Mr Holomisa's suggestion that Mr Mbeki needed "to put

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his own house in order" had greatly offended Mr Mandela's heir-apparent.

Mr Holomisa, who as the military President of the Transkei was famous for the cool way in which he answered back to former President P.W. Botha and F.W. de Klerk, has caused equal consternation by his similar outspokenness about his party's elite, alleging that Mr Kerzner also contributed 2 million rands towards the ANC's election fund in 1994 in return for a promise not to proceed with *a pending court action against* him; that he had been told that in a conversation with President Mandela; that Mr Tshwete had benefited from other Kerzner favours; and that Mr Kerzner, who owns the Sun City and Lost City resorts as well as extensive casino interests in the United States and around the Caribbean, had also paid for Mr Mbeki's fiftieth birthday party.

Initially, the ANC denied all the allegations as malicious lies, but with Mr Holomisa standing his ground and threatening further disclosures, the response quickly became more muffled. President Mandela's office now will only say that it is "immaterial" whether the conversation with Mr Mandela that Mr Holomisa refers to ever took place; that the question of who paid for Mr Mbeki's birthday party was a private matter; and that Mr Mbeki is entitled to his privacy. Mr Kerzner has said that it was his business *whether he contributed to a* political party's funds and that there was nothing illegal in that.

Mr Mbeki and Mr Tshwete have obtained a court order ordering Mr Holomisa not to repeat his allegations. Mr Holomisa has replied that he will happily see the two men in court.

It is certain that Mr Holomisa will be expelled both from parliament and the ANC, but there are grave misgivings about the affair within the ANC. Nobody has forgotten the press photographs of Mr Kerzner and Mr Mbeki celebrating together at Mr Mbeki's birthday party, and the press reported at the time that Mr Kerzner had paid both for this celebration and later for the glamorous wedding of President Mandela's daughter.

One ANC branch criticised Mr Mbeki publicly for his "perceived over-closeness" to Mr Kerzner, and there is no truly satisfactory answer on offer as to why the Government has never continued with the legal proceedings initiated many years ago against Mr Kerzner for alleged bribery.

South Africa now awaits more disclosures.

ANC rejects call for records audit

Johannesburg: The ruling African National Congress has rejected a call from Bantu Holomisa, the dismissed Deputy Tourism and Environment Minister, for an independent audit of the party's financial records after President Mandela was allegedly involved in a corruption scandal (Inigo Gilmore writes).

Mr Holomisa has called for an audit to determine how much money had been donated to the party by Sol Kerzner, the gambling and casino magnate.

Mr Holomisa said that Winnie Mandela, a close political ally, was one of several ANC leaders who had pledged their support for him.

A blazing Rashaad Staggie, who had already been shot once, tries to flee vigilantes. Minutes later he was dead

Vigilantes kill gang boss in Cape 'jihad'

By Inigo Gilmore
in Johannesburg and
Our Foreign Staff

MASKED Muslim vigilantes shot dead a notorious gang boss in Cape Town and set him alight as part of what community leaders described as a "jihad" against drug dealers.

Several hundred members of the Muslim vigilante group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs travelled in a convoy from their mosque on Sunday to the home of Rashid Staggie, a leader of the Hard Livings, a notorious Coloured gang. When the vigilantes came under fire from the house, in the central Cape Town suburb of Salt River, they produced firearms and in the ensuing gun battle at least ten people were wounded.

During the shooting Mr Staggie's twin brother, Rashaad, arrived and was recognised as leader of the gang suspected of selling drugs to children. Vigilantes surrounded his vehicle, pulled him out and shot him. Police stood by as he was set ablaze with a crude petrol bomb.

Staggie got up and, covered in flames, ran about 30 yards while the crowd shouted "Allahu Akbar" (God is greater). He fell to the ground again and as he lay writhing, a policeman doused the flames. Police pushed the mob back but despite appeals to stop, masked men took it in turns to pump bullets into Staggie until he was dead. No arrests were made.

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Germans seeking second SS man

Rome: German judicial authorities confirmed yesterday that they are seeking the extradition of Karl Hass, a former SS Major, as well as that of former SS Captain Erich Priebke, for their part in the 1944 Ardeatine Caves massacre (Philip Willan writes).

Hass, 84, admitted to taking part in the massacre when he gave evidence for the prosecution at Priebke's trial. He is under guard in a hospital after breaking his hip while trying to climb out of a hotel bedroom on the night before he was due to testify. His extradition is complicated by the fact that he was granted immunity if he agreed to testify.

Sri Lanka death toll disputed

Colombo: Sri Lankan troops killed at least 203 Tamil Tiger guerrillas as they advanced on the northern rebel-held town of Kilinochchi over the weekend, the Defence Ministry said. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, however, said its forces had killed at least 100 troops and destroyed five army tanks in the battle for the stronghold. *(Reuter)*

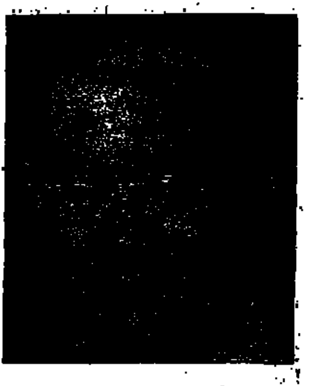
Court tries to wreck marriage

Cairo: An Egyptian court upheld a ruling that Nasr Abu Zeid, a happily-married university professor, must divorce his wife because he was found to have renounced Islam. The Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights said it feared for his life and urged President Mubarak to intervene. The couple have moved to The Netherlands. *(Reuter)*

Burundi boycott

Bujumbura: Tanzania, in a bid to overthrow Burundi's military Government, has prevented oil tankers from crossing into the country. Kenya has suspended rail, air and road links. *(Reuter)*

Death demand



Seoul: The prosecution demanded that Chun Doo Hwan, above, the former South Korean military leader, should be sentenced to death for seizing power in a coup 17 years ago. *(AP)*

Fatal delay

Canberra: Max Bell, who had cancer and wanted to use a new euthanasia law, has died in New South Wales because he was unable to obtain the signatures necessary under the legislation. *(Reuter)*

Child star quits

New York: Macaulay Culkin, the child star of *Home Alone*, has given up acting until his estranged parents resolve their custody battle over him and five of his siblings, the *Daily News* reported. *(Reuter)*

Horse cull halted by protests

From Jo Andrews
in Wellington

NEW Zealand's Prime Minister has bowed to public protests and the prospect of an October general election and dropped plans to shoot a thousand wild horses.

The cull was expected to begin this week. But now the horses will be rounded up and auctioned next year, after the election.

The Prime Minister, James Bolger, said yesterday: "Given that widespread public concern has arisen, we agreed that we should try to reduce numbers by a muster."

Mr Bolger and his Government had been under intense pressure. Death threats had been issued against staff due to be involved in the kill. A round-the-clock vigil for the horses was being held, and ministers are said to have received more letters of protest on the issue than any other in the country's history.

A TV advertisement had urged people not to vote for the Government. Yesterday Simon Upton, the Minister for Conservation who ordered the cull, offered his resignation, which was refused. Conservationists had argued that the horses were destroying rare native grasses and plants.

Aidid son ready to unleash teenage warriors in battle for Somalia

By Sam Kiley
Africa Correspondent

HUSSEIN AIDID, the former US Marine who took on his dead father's mantle as Somalia's dominant warlord at the weekend, looked ready yesterday to splinter his alliance by unleashing the country's hotheaded youth.

General Mohamed Farrah Aidid's son, who spent 16 years from the age of 14 in Los Angeles, was accused yesterday by senior members of the Somali National Alliance of having staged a "coup" against older members of his clan and their allies.

Mohamed Kanyare Afrah, the "interior minister" in General Aidid's Government, contacted diplomats in Nairobi yesterday to say that Hussein Aidid's election was a "scam" and would be opposed by other members of the alliance.

His opponents put their forces on alert. In north Mogadishu, Ali Mahdi Mohamed, who is leader of a clan militia alliance, said: "Hussein will bear the consequences of his actions."

The threat introduces a new element into the already confused and violent relations between Somalis. Most of the infighting has been based on battles between clans and subclans. But the younger Aidid's "appointment" as "interim President" of Somalia signals the overturn of traditional leadership by clan elders and the ascent to power of Somalia's lost generation of teenage warriors. At 31, the new warlord is far too young to be considered a leader by older Somalis. But the warlords' militias are made up of wild bush fighters known as *moreyhan* ("bandits"), recruited in their teens, who are largely a law unto themselves. They back the younger leader.

General Aidid forced American and United Nations troops into a humiliating withdrawal from Somalia in 1993 after a battle with US commandos left 300 Somalis and 18 Americans dead.

Hussein Aidid took part, as an artillery corporal in the Marine reserve, in the international intervention force that landed on Mogadishu's beaches in 1992. He was sent back to Los Angeles when America issued a warrant for his father's arrest. He returned home last year to get married. He is over 6ft tall and looks like an American sprint champion. Shunning the traditional garb of skirts and turban, he prefers to turn out in American combat gear with a pistol at his side.

A demonstrator rips an American flag apart with his teeth during the failed US intervention in Somalia

Appointed head of security in the inland town of Baidoa, he swiftly won the respect of young militia fighters for his bravery in battle and his belligerence towards other clans. Having secured Baidoa for his father, despite the opposition of the Rahanwein clan, he was anxious to push on to try to take the southern port city of Kismayu.

Wiser counsels prevailed. But with the support of Somalia's young hotheads, hopes of peace in the wake of his father's death evaporated.

The *moreyhan*, swept into General Aidid's army as he recruited bush fighters while he was driving Siad Barre from Mogadishu in 1991, have been the main cause of chaos in Somalia ever since. Like child soldiers throughout Africa, they entered combat before becoming "ethical beings". Now beyond traditional control, they fight for loot and the sheer fun of battle.

On Sunday, Hussein Aidid told his supporters that he would eliminate his enemies at home and abroad. Rejecting the offer of a ceasefire and negotiations from clan rivals, he opted to continue with the "pacification" of Somalia.

Rediscovered film shows horror of Hiroshima bomb

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

AS HIROSHIMA marks the fifty-first anniversary of the first atomic bomb attack, visitors to the city's Peace Museum can gain a horrific sense of what happened from a film available for the first time.

The long-lost film footage is filled with grim scenes — a baby, its body a mass of burns, writhes in agony, a man with melted ears stands in stunned shock, and there are powerful images of the damage at different distances from the epicentre.

The two-hour black and white film was shot by an Education Ministry team in September and October 1945 to record the suffering and destruction caused by the bomb released by the US bomber *Enola Gay* on August 6 that year.

According to the city government, the bomb killed about 140,000 people by the end of 1945. The blast killed *10,000* people instantly. A second bomb, dropped three days later on Nagasaki, killed about 70,000.

During the US occupation, films and photographs of the destroyed city were confiscated, out of fear they would stoke anger among the general public. The Education Ministry film was among the material banned, but a Japanese camera crew member secretly copied part of the footage before turning it over. It lay forgotten in a film archive until it was discovered three years ago. This summer it was moved to the Hiroshima Peace Museum, where it can be seen on request.

Although the museum's exhibits, including a shadow on a stone wall of a victim who simply evaporated in the blast, cannot fail to move the visitor, the emphasis is on portraying Japan as an innocent victim of a cruel fate. That the bombing was the culmination of a war of aggression unleashed by Japan in the 1930s is not adequately explained.

Nor has anyone in the city come up with a convincing explanation of why the monument to an estimated 20,000 Korean forced labourers or soldiers who died in the bombing is excluded from the sacred ground of the Peace Memorial Park, reserved for a cenotaph to the Japanese victims.

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The mystery of our dreams

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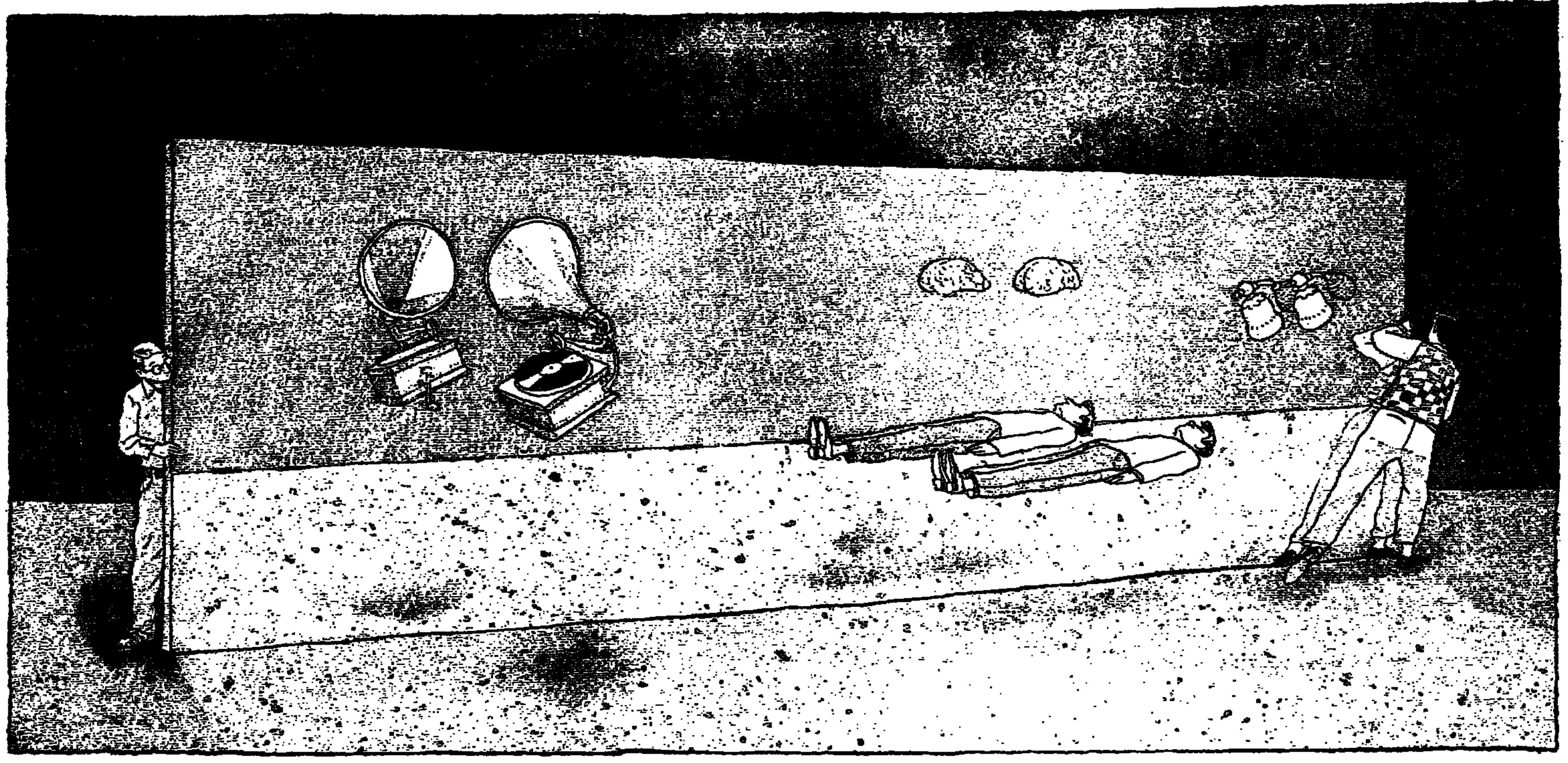

MIND WATCHING

Day Two of our series reports on dreams, meditation, and computers as reasonable beings

Dreaming is one of the fundamental mysteries of consciousness. Although we spend one third of our lives asleep and at least a quarter of each night in a state of dreaming, relatively little is known about the origins and purpose of our dreams.

For Professor David Fontana, author of *The Secret Power of Dreams* (Element), dreams dissolve the boundaries of normality, challenge the way we view the world and show us that life may not be what we think it is. "In dreams we enter the world of the imagination, an altered state of awareness in which we trade reality for a territory full of possibilities, a world in which past, future and present lose their boundaries."

Contemporary philosophers and neuroscientists are divided. Some consign dreams to the realm of mysticism and consider them unworthy of academic study; others consider dreams to be the last psychological frontier. For them an understanding of dreaming is fundamental to any understanding of consciousness.

Professor Jim Horne, director of the sleep laboratory at Loughborough University, says we dream to entertain ourselves. "A dream is an intensely visual phenomenon, rather like a cinema of the mind. One of the functions of dreaming is to keep the mind occupied and tuned up during sleep. For much of our evolution we had no candles or electric lighting and so there was nothing for us to do when it was dark. As a result, one of the evolutionary functions of sleep was to kill unproductive hours. The trouble is that the brain doesn't like being inactive for long periods and needs to have its circuits tested and worked on. Dreaming provides that function."

DREAMING

Professor Horne believes that the importance of dreams is overvalued. "Dreaming is associated with what we call rapid-eye-movement sleep. You can deprive people of dreaming sleep without any adverse effects. Sleep matters, not dreaming."

Young children and foetuses spend more time in states of dreaming than adults. "The time of life when rapid-eye-movement sleep is most prolific is at about six months to gestation. But it is unlikely that a six-month-old foetus would be dreaming in the way that we know it."

In *The Interpretation of Dreams*, Freud writes that the greater part of our life is unknown to us, and that much of our action is unconsciously motivated. He suggests that the most enjoyable access to the unconscious is through dreams where the "symbolic but watchful ego is still present". According to Freud, dreaming has a meaning. It has its own motives, narratives and trains of antecedent associations.

To Freud's most eminent collaborator, Carl Jung, dreams have a psychic structure that is quite unlike that of other contents of consciousness: "They do not arise, like other conscious contents, from any clearly discernible, logical and emotional continuity of experience, but are remnants of a peculiar psychic activity taking place during sleep."

> 'The notion of a universal dream dictionary is junk'

But Professor Horne says there is nothing intrinsically remarkable in dreams. "You dream as you think. A dream is a reflection of what has been on your mind, what you have seen the previous day. I find it hard to believe that someone who is sad or depressed could conjure up happy thoughts at night that they had not had during the day. The notion that dreams give access to the innermost depths of the mind is nonsense. You can find out about people's minds by talking to them, not by analysing their dreams. The notion of a universal dream dictionary is junk."

Attempts have been made by scientists to control their dreams. Dr Keith Hearne, who has a doctorate in dream research from Liverpool University, has patented the Hearne Dream Machine. The machine purports to make the sleeper aware that he is dreaming without waking him up. The phenomenon is called lucid dreaming.

Professor Susan Greenfield, Fellow and Tutor in Medicine at Lincoln College, Oxford, and author of *Journey to the Centres of the Mind* (W. H. Freeman), is sceptical. "Lucid dreaming is not normal dreaming at all. I would say the lucid dreamer is in a state of consciousness. It's a bit like when you wake up from a nightmare and know that you are awake, even though you don't quite have control over your state of mind."

Contrary to Freud, Professor Greenfield says that the most basic riddle of dreams is what they actually are. "To me dreams are the smallest modicum of consciousness that we are able to have. I see consciousness as arising, from one moment to the next, as a result of brain cells rapidly banding and disbanding — a bit like blobs of mercury."

Professor Greenfield says that some characteristics of schizophrenics are similar to those of the dreamer: "Mental status examination on schizophrenics can give a result indistinguishable from the mental states of dreamers. When we dream we are all schizophrenics."

JASON COWLEY

INTERPRETING DREAMS

THE idea that dreams may contain hidden messages is continually fascinating — particularly since so many of them are commonly experienced and frequently recur. Dr Petruska Clarkson, a clinical psychologist, believes that popular interpretations are inadequate because they cannot take into account the complexity of a subject's circumstances and personality — but she suggests it is still possible to identify the psychological origins of many common dreams.

● Falling dreams: these are equated to sexual temptation, sexual inadequacy, shame, or loss of a job. Dr Clarkson says that fear of falling is one of our deepest anxieties, because as babies we fear being dropped. This fear is rekindled when life events are linked to a loss of status, or "falling down" — for example, poor sexual performance, forbidden sexual relations or becoming unemployed.

● Being naked in public: associated with discovering a deception, or with unexpected luck. Nakedness is traditionally equated with being humiliated, exposed or seen through. Again, it represents a fear commonly experienced when we are young — of not fitting in a group, or being considered a fraud.

The opposite interpretation — that nakedness could represent sudden good luck — may reflect the belief that being naked in public could be unexpectedly exciting.

● Teeth falling out: means having untrustworthy friends or a downturn of financial fortune. Dr Clarkson suggests that teeth represent a means of survival. We depend on them and hope they will not let us down. Fear of losing them reflects insecurity.

● Flying: this represents ambition. If you fly on a steady path, you will achieve your goals. If you have difficulties or crash, you are grasping for more than you can reach. The experience of soaring is equated with aspiration and the desire to be upwardly mobile.

BRIDGET HARRISON

Moving to a higher plane

What happens to consciousness when we meditate? Is transcendental meditation little more than an eleborate synonym for taking a nap. ***Jason Cowley writes,*** **or does it, as its followers claim, transport the meditator into a new realm of consciousness?**

Despite being tainted by its early association with hippiedom and the counterculture revolution of the 1960s, TM is now practised by 160,000 people in Britain; the worldwide figure is close to four million. Introduced into this country by the followers of Maharishi Mahesh

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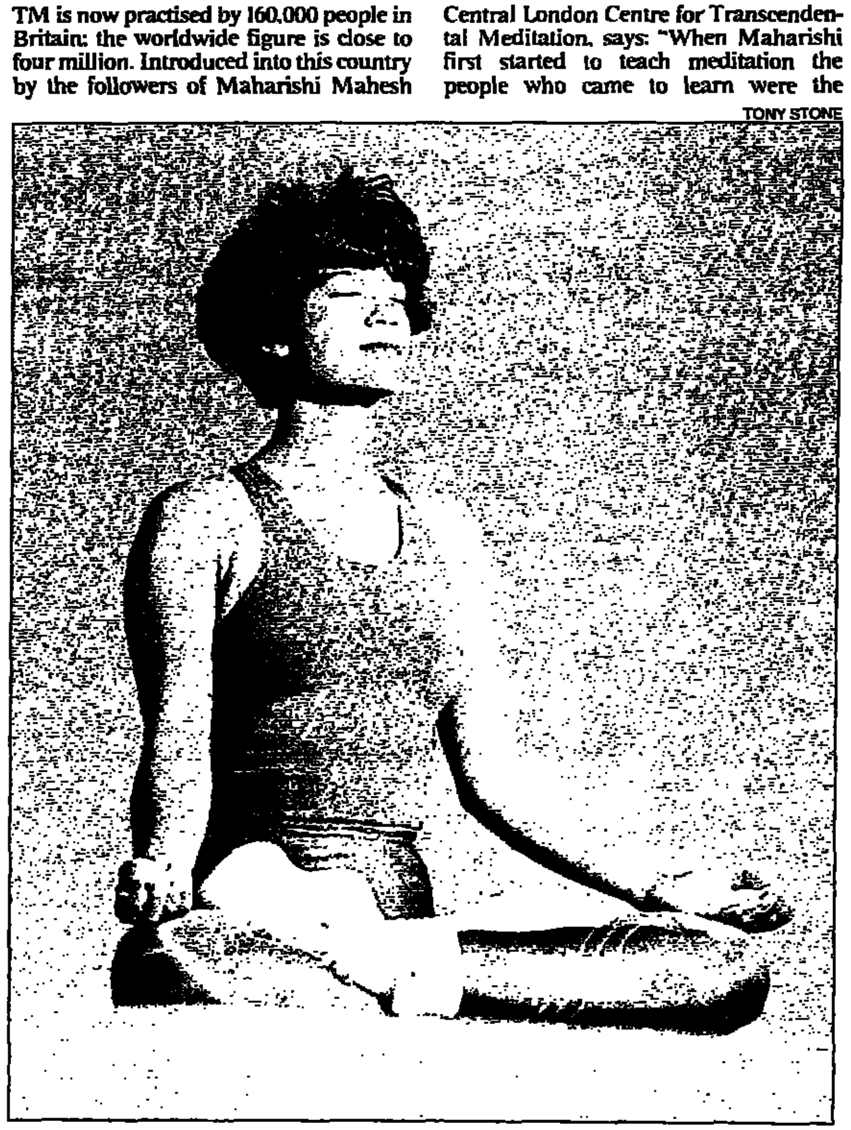
Yogi, among whom were the Beatles, it involves sitting comfortably for 20 minutes twice daily, during which the mind relaxes into a state of "restful alertness", slowing down physiological functions such as heart and respiratory rate.

Jonathan Leslie, co-chairman of the Central London Centre for Transcendental Meditation, says: "When Maharishi first started to teach meditation the people who came to learn were the mystical types. It wasn't until the early 1970s that scientists, some of whom meditated themselves, began to do research into what actually happens during meditative states of consciousness. Since then interest has grown exponentially."

TONY STONE



Unlike yoga's discomfort, TM requires no particular physical discipline

TM is gaining credibility among the scientific and medical communities. In April 1993, for instance, a group of about 700 doctors campaigned for its wider availability on the NHS. Research has shown that TM gives rise to a state of deep rest characterised by a marked reduction in metabolic activity, increased cerebral blood flow and features directly opposite to the physiological and biochemical effects of stress.

But how does this state of deep rest differ from sleep? "Subjectively, when I meditate I know I'm not sleeping," Mr Leslie says. "In any event, research has revealed that the brain-wave patterns of a person in transcendence are completely different from those of a sleeping person. What happens, physiologically, is that respiratory and heart rates slow down; the body gains twice as much rest as it would do during sleep. But, at the same time, the person feels completely alert and awake. The brain-wave patterns indicate a greater amount of creativity and alertness: they do not indicate a state of sleep. The person experiences a unique state of restful alertness."

He continues: "In normal circumstances, we experience three states of consciousness: waking, dreaming and sleeping. Each state of consciousness has its own state of physiology. Research shows that when a person is meditating he or she enters a different state of consciousness from the three established states, and this is called transcendental consciousness.

"When a person enters that new level of consciousness it has a dramatic effect on the physiology. As a result, the person gains more energy, greater creativity and an improved sense of self."

Mr Leslie says that TM differs from conventional meditation and yoga through its effortlessness. "Most techniques involve some act of concerted concentration or mind control. It may take the form of prayer or of some other act of contemplation. But TM doesn't involve any effort or control. It allows mental activity to settle down in a natural way while alertness is maintained."

Can machines ever think like humans?

EARLIER this year, a computer program called Deep Blue won a game of chess against Gary Kasparov. While the world champion rallied to win the match, Deep Blue's performance showed that another bastion of human intelligence was on the verge of crumbling to a machine.

Computers have come a long way since the British mathematician Alan Turing raised the question of machine intelligence in 1950. But could they become indistinguishable from human beings in their perception of the world and in self-awareness?

FINAL CHALLENGE

In Austin, Texas, a team led by Dr Douglas Lenat is trying to create a machine that reasons like a human being. Dr Lenat's program, CYC — as in encyclopaedic — is already vast, with more than 200 million bytes of source code, equivalent to 500 novels.

For ten years, his team has been feeding CYC with commonsense rules, such as "bread is a food" or "you're wet when you sweat". The program now contains nearly a million rules, and given another million, Dr Lenat asserts, it will be bright enough to ask its own questions.

To others in artificial intelligence, "top-down" approaches such as CYC, which express the world as a series of logical propositions, will never work.

Foremost among these critics is Dr Rodney Brooks of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who designs machines to learn for themselves. The latest is Cog, which has a mere eight microprocessors for its brain. Cog is able to move about and collide with things, learning as it does so. Only by retracing the course of evolution, Dr Brooks implies, can machines acquire the intelligence human beings take for granted.

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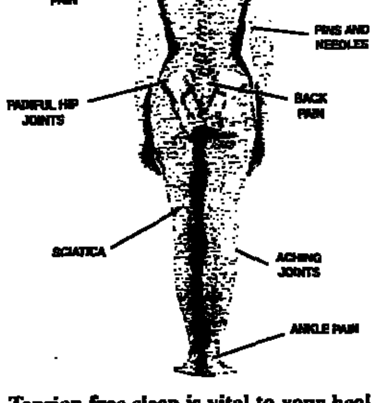

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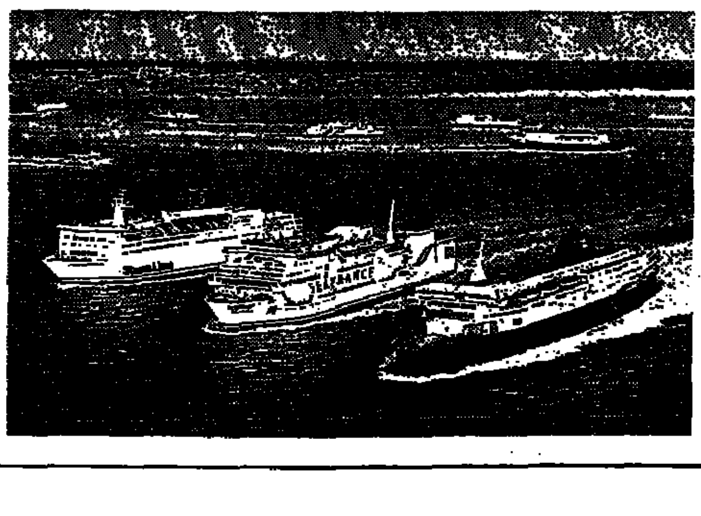

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Manufacturing weakness raises hopes of rate cut

By Alasdair Murray

INDUSTRIAL output fell unexpectedly in June, as the manufacturing sector continued to struggle, resurrecting hopes of a rate cut in the autumn.

Total production fell 1.1 per cent in June compared with a rise of 0.8 per cent in May, while the monthly measure of manufacturing output fell 0.3 per cent, and 0.5 per cent year-on-year, its lowest level since June 1993. The decline went against both City expectations of a small rise in output and more optimistic evidence from recent industrial trends surveys.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, cited chronic weakness in manufacturing as a major reason for cutting rates by a quarter point to 5.75 per cent in June. Economists believe that with political pressures weighing heavily on Mr Clarke's mind, the latest figures may offer the Chancellor a window to cut rates in the autumn.

Keith Davies, UK economist at 4Cast UK Data Analysis, said: "The indication that the real economy remains extremely weak may provide the Chancellor with the justification he needs for one further rate cut in the autumn — especially as the inflationary outlook continues to look benign."

Mr Clarke is likely to face continued opposition, however, from the Bank of England, which remains more hawkish on inflation, and will signal its views on the state of the economy when it releases its quarterly inflation bulletin tomorrow.

There is also increasing scepticism in the City about the wisdom of further rate cuts, with economists saying that growing consumer demand, reflected in accelerating retail sales and money supply figures, could re-ignite inflation towards the end of the year.

A 5.6 per cent drop in demand for utility supplies, which includes gas and electricity, because of the warm weather in June, was the largest single cause of the decline in total industrial output, according to the Office for National Statistics. Oil and gas production also fell 2.3 per cent.

But the fall in manufacturing was spread across most sectors, with the biggest decline in the nuclear fuels and metal product sectors. Only the food, drink and tobacco and the other manufacturing sectors showed small rises in output in June.

Recent data from the Purchasing Managers' Index and CBI has hinted at an upturn in the manufacturing sector. But much of the improvement has been derived from measures of confidence, while stocks and orders remain weak. The stock overhang, in particular, looks likely to continue to hold back output in the near future even with a recovery in demand.

Meanwhile, further evidence of the continuing strength of the consumer sector was provided by the July figures for M0, the measure of narrow money supply, also published yesterday. M0 showed an annual rise of 7.1 per cent in July, representing a slight fall from 7.3 per cent in June, but marginally ahead of expectations.

The narrower notes and coins measure rose 0.6 per cent month on month. Analysts said the figures were a tentative sign that the trend in high street spending remains upwards, although most forecast that the retail sales figures for July would slow slightly after June's strong showing.

☐ UK housing starts fell 2 per cent in June from the previous three months, according to figures from the Department of the Environment. In the second quarter, new starts totalled 43,200, a fall of 12 per cent on the same three months last year.

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Pearson sells WP for £305m

By Eric Reguly

PEARSON, the media and entertainment group, unveiled better than expected earnings yesterday and announced that it had struck a deal to sell Westminster Press for £305 million. The company also appointed a new chief executive at Penguin books and outlined plans to use Recoletos, its Spanish investment, to attack the vast Latin American market.

The shares, which have been on the wane in recent months because of severe losses at Mindscape, its computer games company, and concerns about its apparent lack of strategic direction, gained 19p to 630p.

Pearson's agreement to sell Westminster Press, its regional newspaper business, came just hours before the group reported a 40 per cent fall in pre-tax profits, to £30.2 million, in the half year to June 30. The biggest factor in the decline was Mindscape's £38.8 million loss, comprised of trading losses, write-offs and restructuring costs. Pearson said that Mindscape's worst days were behind it.

Operating profits fell 31 per cent to £49.1 million on sales of £939.6 million, up 20 per cent. Excluding Mindscape, they rose 23 per cent to £87.9 million.

Pearson has sold Westminster Press to Newsquest Media, a British company backed by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, America's leading leveraged buyout firm. Newsquest was formed by the management team that bought Reed Regional Newspapers last year. Pearson expects to receive £15 million in trading profits from WP, raising the sale's total contribution to £320 million, before the deal closes late this year. The disposal, Pearson said, was consistent with its strategy of selling local businesses with limited growth potential to concentrate on international expansion. Frank Barlow, managing director, called WP "a domestic business in long-term decline."

The international expansion strategy will see Pearson pay £86.8 million in cash and shares for a further 30 per cent of Recoletos, the Spanish newspaper and magazine publisher, taking its holding to 95 per cent. The management of Recoletos, whose titles include *Expansion*, the financial daily, and *Marca*, the sports newspapers, will retain the other 5 per cent.

David Bell, the Pearson director responsible for the group's information businesses, said: "Outside Spain we plan to use Recoletos to build a significant platform in Spanish. We are currently exploring a number of other possible investments in South America."

He would not give details, but noted that Recoletos acquired a stake in the Chilean newspaper *El Diario* this year.

In a surprise announcement, Pearson estimated the total cost of retuning video recorders in Britain in preparation for the launch of Channel 5 at £100 million. The original business plan of Channel 5, in which Pearson has a 24 per cent stake, included £55 million in retuning costs. Greg Dyke, head of Pearson's TV division, called the £100 million figure "a very provisional estimate" that would have little impact on the channel's profitability. Pearson still expects the service to break even in 1999.

Penguin, which reported an a near seven-fold increase in operating profits, to £10.1 million, is to take on Michael Lynton as chairman and chief executive at the end of the year. He replaces Peter Mayer, who is leaving to run his family's publishing business. Mr Lynton, 36, started Disney Publishing and is currently president of Hollywood Pictures, one of Disney's three film production studios.

Pearson is also looking for a replacement for Mr Barlow, who is to retire next year.

The company said that it is increasing the interim dividend by 9 per cent, to 6.9p, to reflect the underlying performance of the group.

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ANTHONY UPTON

Jim Brown, chief executive of Newsquest, the British company backed by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts that is buying Westminster Press

Cordiant to move Saatchi US chief from his post

By Jason Nissé

JOHN FITZGERALD, the man hired by Cordiant at the beginning of this year to take over the US side of its Saatchi & Saatchi advertising agency, is to be moved from his post and may leave the company.

Cordiant is understood to be "re-evaluating" his position in the light of a series of battles involving Mr Fitzgerald and some of the group's most senior staff.

Mr Fitzgerald, 48, was hired from McCann Erickson, a rival agency, in January and given the title of president and chief operating officer of Saatchi & Saatchi US. Bob Seelert, Cordiant's chairman, had let it be known that Mr Fitzgerald was expected to take over from Ed Wax as chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi US when Mr Wax retires next year.

Mr Wax stepped into the role when Bill Muirhead abruptly quit to join Cordiant's founders, Maurice and Charles Saatchi, in their new agency, M&C Saatchi. Internally, Cordiant staff have been told that Mr Fitzgerald will not now succeed Mr Wax and a new role is being found for him. Should he leave, this could prove expensive for the group as he is believed to be on a basic salary exceeding $200,000 a year and has a 12-month rolling contract.

Cordiant refused to discuss Mr Fitzgerald's position directly. "Everyone at Cordiant is being re-evaluated all the time. Mr Fitzgerald was brought in as a catalyst. If in that process he has scorched a few feathers then so be it."

In New York yesterday, Mr Fitzgerald appeared unaware of his re-evaluation. "There must be an absolute misunderstanding," he said. "I was with *Charlie Scott [executive chairman]* for a successful meeting only a week ago."

Today Cordiant is expected to reveal a return to profits with strong half-year figures.

New Hays offer for Salvesen

By Sarah Cunningham

THE BOARD of Christian Salvesen, the storage, distribution and specialist hire group, is expected to meet today to consider an improved bid from Hays, the business services group led by Ronnie Frost.

The new offer, made in a letter sent by Hays to Salvesen, is believed to be around 390p a share, an improvement of 20p on the initial offer, which was rejected last week.

At Salvesen, which is based in Edinburgh, officials would not confirm when the board is meeting or the contents of the letter. When it met last Wednesday it described Hays's first offer as inadequate, but it left the door open for a higher bid.

Mr Frost has stressed that he will not pay over the odds for Salvesen. But there is speculation that the target company may hold out for at least 400p and at that level Hays would risk diluting its own earnings per share.

HSBC leaps after better than hoped half-way profit

By Robert Miller

SHARES in Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC), owner of Midland Bank, jumped 48p to 1164p yesterday after the international investment banking group unveiled higher than forecast half-year results.

HSBC, which announced that pre-tax profits rose 34 per cent to £2.32 billion in the six months to June 30, also announced that final dividends would be paid to nearly 180,000 shareholders a month earlier than has been the custom.

Sir William Purves, group chairman of HSBC, who declared a first interim payout of 15p to be paid on October 11 compared with 9.25p, said that in future a second interim would be announced with the year-end results in March and paid in early May.

Midland Bank chipped in with a 35 per cent increase in attributable profits to £439 million while its cost to income ratio fell to 62.8 per cent (68 per cent). First Direct, the pioneering telephone banking operation, signed up 88,000 new accounts in the first six months of the year, and is now a profitable concern, Sir William said. Midland's operating expenses were £11 million lower at £1.1 billion and staff numbers have fallen 1,269, or 3 per cent since June last year.

Contributions to group profits from HSBC's international businesses included Hongkong Bank's £818 million, up 25 per cent from last year; HSBC America's £115 million (£85 million last time) and the British Bank of the Middle East's £32 million, compared with £31 million previously.

HSBC's assets rose by 5 per cent to £237 billion, while earnings per share were up 30 per cent to 60p.

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Drive to sell off housing loans

By Sara McConnell

THE Government yesterday started the sell-off of £1.1 billion of public sector housing association loans in a move that will place the whole of the sector's £10 billion loan portfolio in private hands for the first time.

NM Rothschild, which is advising the Department of the Environment on the sale, is targeting 150 potentially interested financial institutions including banks, building societies and investment banks. It has sent out a preliminary information memorandum to get feedback from the private sector on the possible value and structure of the sale of the portfolios.

The loans are currently held by the Housing Corporation, Scottish Homes and Housing for Wales and were funded by the National Loan Fund before the late 1980s. Since then, the Government has insisted that such loans should be funded by the private sector.

Charles Keay, executive director of Rothschild, believes there will be a significant amount of interest from banks, building societies and other institutions in the housing sector.

He added: "If the sale goes ahead, it will be by far the largest event financial institutions have seen in the sector; purchasers would at a stroke gain up to 10 per cent of the market and relationships with anything up to 1,200 associations".

The sale is scheduled for later in the year and ministers will make a final decision in October.

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France tops European investment league

By George Sivell

FRANCE has emerged as the leading European country in attracting investment from abroad, according to Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities.

The figures are the first ever published for European Union inward investment but cover 1994, just before a wave of foreign investment in Britain was announced.

During 1994 France attracted 9.3 billion Ecus (£7.6 billion), ahead of Spain with 8.2 billion ecus and Belgium-Luxembourg with 7 billion ecus. These figures cover both investment from fellow European states and from countries outside the European Union. France also topped the table for investment by fellow European countries alone with a total investment of 6.8 billion ecus during 1994. If investment from other countries in Europe is stripped out, Belgium/Luxembourg is top with 2.8 billion ecus. Britain manages second in this table with 2.6 billion ecus of direct investment from outside Europe in 1994.

When the huge LG development in Wales was announced last month, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, reckoned that Britain had achieved £100 billion of inward investment in the past decade.

LG, *one of the giant South Korean* chaebol, or conglomerates, is to spend £1.7 billion in creating 6,000 consumer electricals jobs at Newport over the next few years.

Such job creation in Britain, however, has created controversy because of the amount of Government aid offered to creat each job. Estimates of the aid to the Newport project ranged up to £30,000 for each job created.

Yesterday's Eurostat figures reveal, however, that a high proportion of direct cross-border investment in Europe comes from other European countries. European nations invest 80 per cent more in other European states than do countries outside Europe.

Many of Britain's successful investments have been attracted from countries seeking to establish a stable base in the European Union, the largest world market outside North America.Germany and the Netherlands are the biggest European investors abroad, spending 8.3 billion ecus each in 1994. Britain was next with *3.8 billion* ecus.

Eurostat, the Luxembourg-based EU statistical arm, makes the point that the various components of foreign direct investment can fluctuate considerably from year to year and are subject to an array of accounting differences between member states. For Britain, however, 1995 was a record year for direct investment from overseas.

SFA fines go over £1m in year for first time

By Robert Miller

THE frontline watchdog responsible for policing City brokers and futures traders yesterday said it was prepared to reduce the burden of complying with the rules provided that firms demonstrate that they have tough internal controls already in place.

Richard Farrant, chief executive of the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), whose annual report yesterday showed that fines levied on members in the year to March 31 breached the £1 million level for the first time, also said that consultation papers on proposed rule changes regarding the responsibilities of senior executive officers (SEOs) would be sent out this month.

The SFA, stung by criticism of its perceived laxity in disciplining the most senior executives in charge of Barings at the time of the £830 million crash, has already promised it would make its disciplinary process and thinking more transparent. Mr Farrant yesterday added that in future cases of severe financial or reputational damage, or very serious conduct of business rule breaches, "we will be shifting the burden of proof". He added: "SEOs will have to prove that they did not break the rules, rather than the SFA having to prove that they did."

Mr Farrant said that the new rules on the responsibil*ities of SEOs would be spelt* out more clearly "to avoid any confusion in the future about the standards we expect from senior management".

The SFA, which reported increased administrative expenses — to £22.8 million from £17.5 *million previously* — will allow firms with a good disciplinary record to free up capital to reinvest in their businesses. Those who fail to satisfy the watchdog, however, will be required to post additional funding.

The plan is similar to a pilot project unveiled in April by Imro (the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation), the regulator for fund managers, for a two-tier level of supervision.

The SFA's increased expenditure was largely because of a huge investment in new technology to provide a transaction monitoring system. According to its annual report, the watchdog spent £3.4 million on systems, compared with £418,000 the previous year. Offsetting the additional technology expenditure was an increase in the amount of costs recovered from "enforcement actions", from £160,000 to £714,000.

The number of visits to SFA members' firms rose to 1,824 from 1,731 previously, with the proportion of *non-routine* inspections up from 55 per cent to 72 per cent. During the last year, the watchdog prosecuted 53 firms and individuals, compared with 36 in 1994.

Ruling by Offer aids the Scots

By Christine Buckley

MORE electricity will be fed to England and Wales from Scotland after the industry regulator upheld an appeal from the two Scottish generators about trading arrangements between the two regions.

Increased exports from ScottishPower and Hydro-Electric are likely to bring down the price of electricity in the English and Welsh trading system because Scottish companies produce cheaper power. They are also likely to raise the stakes in the cross-border battle for customers.

Scottish companies can now increase their exports after the regulator rescinded an arrangement whereby whatever power is sold into Scotland has an impact on what power can be sold to England via the interconnector.

Professor Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, said: "The present arrangements would enable English generators to neutralise competition through the interconnector."

National Power and PowerGen may now move *to increase their physical* presence in Scotland. As they are forced to buy electricity from Scottish companies to trade in Scotland, their margins on the business are slight.

PowerGen is currently encountering local opposition on its plans to site a power station in Lanarkshire. A spokesman for the generator said: "We are disappointed by the ruling from Offer but we remain committed to competition in Scotland."

July traffic on Le Shuttle doubled in a year, taking 44 per cent of the car market and 45 per cent for trucks

New highs for Eurotunnel traffic

EUROTUNNEL sent its banks a *timely reminder* of its improving commercial prospects yesterday with record traffic figures (Jonathan Prynn writes).

These showed that its trains have carried more than 100,000 passengers over a weekend for the first time.

During the three days from last Friday to Sunday Le Shuttle trains carried more than 31,000 cars, coaches, motorcycles and cycles, through the Channel Tunnel, the equivalent to about 100,000 passengers.

It was the first time passenger traffic has breached the 100,000 mark over a three-day period. Traffic in July also smashed all previous records, with 234,393 cars, motorcycles and cycles and 5,736 coaches crossing the Channel on Le Shuttle, about double the figures for the same period last year.

Eurotunnel also claimed an increased cross-Channel market share for July, with its services taking 44 per cent of the car market and 45 per cent of the truck market.

The Eurostar high-speed passenger train service broke the 500,000 mark in July, a 72 per cent increase on last year.

Banks' losses point to end of free accounts

By Anne Ashworth

THE demise of free banking could be close, as banks struggle to recoup the £2.2 billion a year cost of providing money transmission services, such as debit cards, cheque books and hole-in-the-wall cash machines to personal customers.

This prediction, made in a report, *UK Money Transmission Mechanisms*, published by Datamonitor, the market research group, *follows* the launch earlier this year of the Barclays Addition account which offers extra benefits in return for a monthly fee.

Datamonitor calculates that, in 1995, the banks recovered £1.5 billion of money spent on transmission costs by charging £670 million in merchant interchange fees to shops and other outlets which take credit and debit cards. The banks also turned to their business customers who paid £835 million in money transmission fees in 1995. This is £335 million more than the *£500 million cost to the banks* of providing these services, which means that businesses are forced to cross subsidise individual customers. However, this still leaves the banks with a shortfall of £1.2 billion.

In the past, says Datamonitor, the banks have sought to plug the gap by heavy charges on personal customers with overdrafts, never a popular move. But the numbers of accounts in the red are decreasing, as customers use their credit cards.

Datamonitor says that imposing mandatory charges on *customers in credit will* prove extremely difficult. If banks choose to introduce accounts with benefits such as insurance, customers will question the value of these extras.

Gas trial problems identified

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

THE next round of competition in domestic gas may have to be slowed to combat problems *so far encountered in* the trial in the South West of England, according to the Gas Consumers Council. The council has issued a call for more stages to the scheme, which will expand from the South West next year, as new *figures show that only 53,000* customers have switched supplier from British Gas.

The figure is lower than had been hoped three months into the scheme for 500,000 households in Devon and Cornwall. Only a few hundred custum*ers a week are currently* moving from British Gas, although tariffs offered by competitors knock up to 20 per cent from gas bills.

A British Gas spokesman said the company expects to lose more customers when the weather worsens. He said: "At *the moment* people are not really thinking about their gas bills. They will do so more when it gets colder."

Customers who switched supplier to rivals such as Swebgas and Amerada Hess at the start of the trial will now *be receiving their first bills.*

Primera costs to dent Nissan results

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

NISSAN'S UK operations may fall into the red this year because of the hefty start-up costs the Japanese car manufacturer has run up on the new Primera model, to be launched in October.

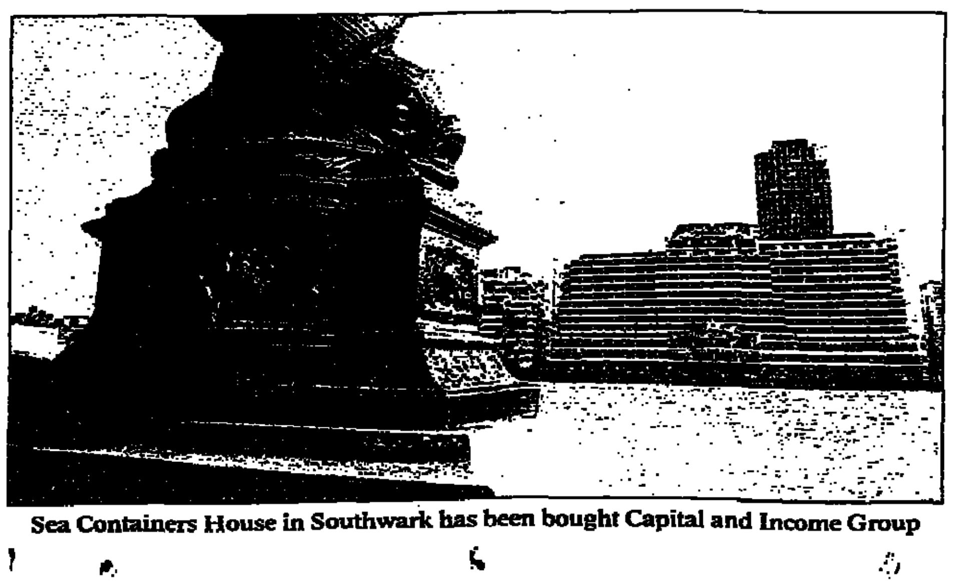
The UK division of Nissan turned in pre-tax profits of more than £10 million last year, but interest charges on *the investment in the new* model could wipe that out, Ian Gibson, managing director, admitted yesterday.

Nissan has paid out £320 million to develop the new Primera, which Mr Gibson has said will be the "most important car we've launched". Of that £320 million, £250 million has gone on development at the Sunderland base of the Japa*nese manufacturer.* Charges related to three quarters of that £250 million will hit this year's figures.

The new Primera, it is hoped, will hold the key to Nissan raising its production. At present Nissan is working well below full capacity at its Sunderland plant. But Mr Gibson yesterday predicted full capacity production by 1999. *When the new Primera* comes on stream it is expected that output will climb from 217,000 cars to about 240,000, with production split evenly between the Primera and the Micra.

There are no plans to manufacture a third model at Sunderland, although Mr Gibson said there have been "serious discussions about having a *third model" since* 1992.

Sea Containers building sold for £102m



Sea Containers House in Southwark has been bought Capital and Income Group

By Carl Mortished

SEA Containers House, the Thames-side headquarters in Southwark of the shipping group, has been sold to a private property investment consortium for £102 million.

The deal is the third major transaction in nine months for Capital and Income Group, a collection of property companies controlled by wealthy overseas investors.

John Barroll Brown, chief executive of Capital & Income Group, said that it was keen to buy high-quality landmark buildings. In November last year, it paid £31 million for the Marco Polo building in Battersea and last month acquired Smith Newcourt House in the City from Ladbroke Group for £67 million.

Mr Brown said that total investment to date was about £280 million. "In the short term, we expect to double that," he said.

Capital and Income Group is buying the 420,000 sq ft Sea Containers House from Allied Domecq Pension Fund on a yield of 8.75 per cent. Mr Brown said the yield would rise to 9 per cent when 16,000 sq ft of vacant space is let.

The original developers of Sea Containers House intended a hotel, but the concrete shell of the building was acquired by the shipping group in the late 1970s and lavishly fitted out in a manner to suit the owners of the Orient Express.

In 1988, Sea Containers disposed of the freehold in a £110 million sale and leaseback transaction with Rotch Property Group and the property was subsequently sold to the Allied Domecq pension fund.

Yesterday's deal is the second major property London sale in a week. DGI, a German property fund has paid Land Securities £130 million for 33 Grosvenor Place, SW1. The 188,000 sq ft building is occupied by Amerada Hess, the American oil company.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Company failures up 45% in July

THE number of company failures rose 45 per cent in July, with the construction and manufacturing sectors bearing the brunt of the increase. The total number of receivership appointments and administration orders rose from 128 in June to 186 in July, according to figures compiled by Deloitte & Touche, the accountant. Construction appointments nearly doubled to 33, with 25 concentrated in the general construction and demolition sector, while manufacturing receiverships rose 38 per cent to 54. Deloitte & Touche said that increases occurred in seven of the ten sectors.

Regionally, Yorkshire and Humberside and the North West suffered the biggest increase in appointments last month. The number of appointments also accelerated in London and the South East. Ralph Preece, partner in charge of corporate recovery in London and the South East, said that appointments were occurring in all sectors and did not point to any particular problems for any individual industry. The only regions to escape a rise in *receiverships were East Anglia and Scotland.*

Fewer in negative equity

THE number of households in negative equity fell by close to a third in the second quarter of 1996, decreasing from 1,099,000 to 758,000, in the largest decline for three years. Rob Thomas, housing analyst at UBS, the Swiss-owned securities house, notes that this is the first time that the number of households affected by negative equity has fallen below one million since 1991. The UBS survey follows similarly up-beat sets of statistics on the housing market from two building societies, the Halifax and the Nationwide.

Bank resignation

THE Bank of Scotland yesterday announced that Scott Bell, group managing director of Standard Life, Europe's largest mutual insurer, has resigned from the bank's board of directors. The resignation follows the completion of the sale last month of Standard Life's stake of nearly 33 per cent stake in Bank of Scotland through a secondary offering. Norman Lessels, non-executive chairman of Standard Life, who was re-elected to the bank's board in June, has agreed to continue as a director of Bank of Scotland, but in a personal capacity.

US growth still strong

US LEADING indicators rose 0.5 per cent in June, ahead of Wall Street expectations of a 0.3 per cent rise, suggesting that American economic growth remains strong. It was the fifth consecutive rise in the figures, which are compiled from a series of sector indicators, and the largest rise since February. Coincident indicators also rose 0.5 per cent, although lagging indicators fell 0.1 per cent. US housing completions, meanwhile, rose 0.4 per cent in June, representing an 11.3 per *cent increase year on year. The June level* was the highest since January.

Water prices criticised

CONSUMERS are extremely critical of water prices, according to the National Consumer Council. A survey of 2,000 people *shows that* 40 *per cent* of consumers find water company charges unreasonable. This level of criticism is equal to the combined disapproval rating for gas and electricity companies. The survey, published today, says: "Regional electricity companies can boast an overall 81 per cent satisfaction rate — a figure which may have been influenced by the £50 rebate many customers would have received."

Manders in £4.7m deal

MANDERS, the coatings and printing inks specialist, has bought the US printing ink business of Croda Inks, part of Croda International, for £4.7 million with effect from August 1. Manders is acquiring manufacturing locations in Atlanta, Milwaukee and Chicago as well as the right to carry on supplying existing Croda Inks customers. The majority of employees at Croda Inks, which had a 1995 turnover of £17 million, will be re-employed by Manders. Manders said the acquisition was aimed at giving the company a strong US presence.

Abbey National debut

NATIONAL & Provincial's 1.3 million members officially became part of the Abbey National yesterday. Over the next few months passbooks and other documents will be reissued with the Abbey National logo. Abbey paid £1.35 billion, creating an enlarged Abbey National with 12.5 million customers and £120 billion of assets. Bonuses to be paid to N&P members are being calculated and will be credited between August 27 and September 2. Members stand to get up to £4,750 in cash or Abbey National shares.

Ultra lands £6.1m MSI

ULTRA ELECTRONICS, the defence contractor that announced plans to float at the weekend, is paying £6.1 million to buy Measurement Systems Incorporated, based in Connecticut. MSI designs and makes controls such as joysticks and *trackerballs. Last year it made operating profits of £700,000* on sales of £5.6 million. MSI will become part of Ultra's electrics division. Ultra, which made operating profits of £10.6 million last year, is expected to be valued at about £120 million when it joins the stock market via a placing in early autumn.

McKay Securities fall

MCKAY SECURITIES, the Reading property company, reported pre-tax profits of £2.8 million for the year to March 31, a £100,000 fall from the previous year. McKay blamed the fall on a loss of rental income after the expiry of a lease of a Bicester property. Plans for a 100,000 sq ft office development in central Reading remain on hold while the company awaits an improvement in demand. McKay intends to start work on the residential side of the scheme next year. The final dividend is inc*reased to 3.4p (3.1p). making* a total of 5.5p (5.2p) a share.

DTI seeks to close Titan II

TITAN International, a US limited liability company, and Titan International Incorporated, the successors of an international money-circulation scheme, were yesterday described in court as "inherently objectionable" by Roger Kaye, QC, for the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Kaye said the companies were clones of the original Titan Business Club.

The DTI has moved to wind up the new "Titan II" scheme, launched after the Titan Business Club was the subject of a series of court orders.

Mr Kaye asked the High Court to issue similar injunctions on Titan II if a provisional liquidator is not appointed. The hearing continues.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.09	1.93
Austria Sch	17.03	15.53
Belgium Fr	49.92	45.62
Canada $	2.232	2.072
Cyprus Cyp£	0.742	0.687
Denmark Kr	9.37	8.57
Finland Mkk	7.49	6.84
France Fr	8.14	7.49
Germany Dm	2.43	2.22
Greece Dr	379	354
Hong Kong $	12.60	11.60
Iceland	113	93
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93
Israel Shk	5.27	4.82
Italy Lira	2450	2295
Japan Yen	179.40	163.40
Malta	0.593	0.538
Netherlds Gld	2.708	2.478
New Zealand $	2.41	2.19
Norway Kr	10.39	9.59
Portugal Esc	248.00	227.50
S Africa Rd	7.51	6.71
Spain Pta	200.50	187.50
Sweden Kr	10.82	10.02
Switzerland Fr	1.98	1.80
Turkey Lira	132770	124770
USA $	1.645	1.515

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☐ Pearson's Spanish stroll may take time ☐ Latest warning for competitive power market ☐ Bank's opposition to a rate cut

Adventures in mañana-land

☐ NOT a lot of people know this, but Pearson's roots lie in Latin America and the Panama Canal, one of the biggest projects for the 19th century builder that evolved into today's curiously shaped conglomerate.

Lord Blakenham, Pearson's chairman, is keen to repeat the experience, in publishing rather than construction. The key question, given the pace of life in Latin countries, is whether the market will give him the necessary time. Pearson wants to build on the success of Recoletos of Spain by taking chunks of similar businesses in other parts of the Spanish-speaking world, a process that has already started with the purchase of a stake in *El Diario*, a Chilean business newspaper.

There was never any logic in a group bolted together out of a business newspaper, fine china, fine wine, oil services and a half-stake in a merchant bank, whatever Pearson may have said in its heyday. China and oil have gone, and the focus over the past couple of years has been on TV with Grundy, maker of *Neighbours* and various cheap but lucrative game shows, and the disastrous venture into computer games, Mindscape.

The focus for the analysts over the same period has been on a relentless underperformance, the shares having lost a fifth of their value since April. In today's market, when that happens to a conglomerate then talk of a demerger becomes inevitable. Pearson's problem, exacerbated by doubts over who will take over from Frank Barlow, the managing director, has been that no one is too sure where the future lies, whether in entertainment, information or education, or if the current shape is any more suitable than the earlier fine wines and china incarnation. The sale of Westminster Press is at least a move in the right direction, a distinctly mature asset being exchanged for one, Recoletos, that has the potential for growth.

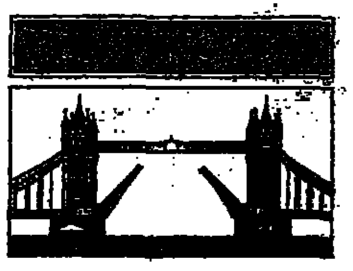
Yesterday's jump in the share price suggests Pearson may at last be getting something right. But consider the contrast with Granada, a sharp outperformer of the market since the purchase of Forte and another conglomerate subject to demerger rumours. These are being stoked by the company itself, with suggestions that the TV division may be floated off shortly. Pearson is reduced to talking down such hopes. But if Greg Dyke, ambitious head of the TV business, loses out in the race to be managing director then such talk will start up again.

"There has been constant speculation on the shape of Pearson," Lord Blakenham insisted yesterday. "There are no plans to announce in the near future any dramatic moves to demerge the TV businesses or any other part of the group." Not by you, milord, not by you. But spend too long in mañana-land, and someone else may decide to do the job for you.

Slow burn or gas explosion

☐ THERE is a peculiarly British tendency to assume any change to the existing order will end in disaster, as Pearson and the other partners in Channel 5 are learning. But there are times when pessimism is justified.

It has never been conclusively proven that the bulk of the population wants to shop around for such basic essentials as gas and power — the opposite is true, from the miserable showing the



cable telecoms providers have made. Last week one of the biggest, Telewest, tacitly accepting that the market penetration achieved so far is inadequate, responded by putting a salesman rather than a financier in charge.

Current levels of take-up of cable and telecoms services mean almost four out of five people, asked if they want their telephone bills cut by as much as 15 per cent, have said no, thank you. This hardly augurs well for power and gas. The savings there from allowing new providers to undercut British Gas and the local electricity company are about the same, ranging up to 20 per cent. And unlike the telecoms companies with their cable TV channels, the new suppliers have no new service to offer on top. Three months into the trial gas market in the South West, only about ten per cent of customers have switched to a cheaper supplier. Consumer inertia is not the only reason. The weather is hardly conducive to worries about the central heating. Some households will not want to rely on new and unknown businesses; the disgraceful high pressure sales tactics of the only incumbent utility, South Western Electricity, will have discouraged many others, as will the mess British Gas's TransCo made of a batch of final bills to transferring customers.

But the Gas Consumers Council call for further delay is only the latest warning that ministers, in their zeal for a competitive gas market, are moving too fast. If this has to be achieved area by area, and millions have to wait a few months longer for the benefits, so be it. The evidence from the South West hardly suggests they are clamouring for an early, botched transition.

And the Government's belief that the whole country can be offered a matching free market in electricity overnight by the spring of 1998, without any limited consumer trials, looks little short of lunacy.

Forget economics, this is politics

☐ ANOTHER day, another lousy set of manufacturing figures, and more speculation that Kenneth Clarke will use them as an excuse to cut interest rates again. All base rate cuts are politically inspired, but such speculation would surely be inconceivable if we were not months off a general election.

We have all become so used to Kenneth Clarke cutting rates on the merest whisper of economic weakness that we have forgotten that the great new British monetary framework was supposed to set policy based on where inflation is expected to be in two years' time, and not last month.

Eddie George at the Bank of England is doubtless primed to express his disapproval tomorrow when the latest *Inflation Report* is published. But it is increasingly obvious that the Ken and Eddie double act is nothing more than a sideshow to the political manoeuvring in the run-up to the election. Economic rationality plays little part in all this. Consider: the pound is falling. The trend for interest rates in the US and Japan is upwards — probably. Britain's economic institutes, the London Business School and the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, warn against rate and tax cuts but assume that both will happen.

The City trumpets the recovery in the consumer sectors of the economy — which must eventually drag manufacturing back to growth — but still expects lower rates. The Bank warns that it is when the economy gives out mixed signals that most caution *must* be exercised. But the Bank does not have an election to win.

Heavy traffic

☐ WELL into the dog days of August, and the roads may be quieter but the deals keep coming: *Corporate Money has just* logged 1,000 so far this year. Last year's total by value was £75 billion, but strip out three mega-bids in 1995 and the £56 billion up to end-July looks quite respectable. The trend is for agreed deals; can this reflect one last chance to stitch up the market before the election?

Telewest market share figures disappoint

BY GEORGE SIVELL

SHARES in Telewest slipped 2p to 143p yesterday after the City expressed disappointment with the cable television group's market penetration figures. Along with half-year figures, Telewest revealed market penetration for the *second quarter of 1996 of 21.1* per cent, little changed from 21.2 per cent in 1995.

Analysts said the market share figures were disappointing, considering the renewed marketing blitz in recent months. Analysts believe that to make cable television work, market penetration needs to be 30 per cent or more.

Telewest suffered a £117.6 million loss after tax in the six months to the end of June compared with an £38.6 million loss in the first half of last year. *There is no dividend.*

Stephen Davidson, chief executive, said: "Operating conditions in the second quarter have seen strong competition from terrestrial television, due to the quantity of sport being broadcast, while the telephony sector has seen an aggressive marketing campaign from British Telecom." However he said: "We achieved further steady growth across all our customers, lines and revenues and have now passed 2.2 million homes, 57 per cent of our network."

He said: "We believe we are now fully funded following the signing of a £1.2 billion banking facility. The increase in our net loss is in line with expectations and we remain on course to go operating cashflow positive during this year."

US blow for Zotefoams

SHARES in Zotefoams, the speciality foam maker, fell 41p to 199p yesterday, after it said that destocking from its main US customer had forced pre-tax profits down 11 per cent to £3.05 million in the year to June 30.

Wrebbit, a producer of three-dimensional jigsaws, suspended its foam order in February, hitting group sales, which fell 15 per cent to £10.3 million. UK sales rose to £3.5 million, offsetting sluggish demand from the Continent. Earnings fell to 5.6p (6.4p). An interim dividend of 2p (1.8p) will be paid on September 18.

Stephen Davidson, chief executive, says Telewest has seen strong competition from terrestrial television

BA growth slowed by increase in fuel prices

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

AN UNEXPECTED jump in fuel prices hit first-quarter profits at British Airways, costing the airline at least £23 million. Even so, British Airways reported pre-tax profits of £150 million for the three months to June 30, an 11 per cent increase on the £135 million achieved in the same period a year ago.

Much of the improvement was due to a sharp reduction in *the cost of borrowings. Operating* profit, heavily dependent on costs such as fuel, rose by only £1 million in the same period.

The 14.5 per cent rise in fuel prices was apparently caused by the particularly cold winter, which left oil companies short of supplies, and by a fall in the value of the pound against the dollar. In some parts of the world, aviation fuel prices rose by more than 20 per cent in the spring. Without the fuel price rise, BA's operating profits would have risen by at least 12 per cent, the airline claimed.

The problems were compounded for BA and other airlines now benefiting from the greatly improved passenger figures, by an increase in the number of hours flown by *each aircraft as demand for* flights grew. Each additional flight used more of the higher-priced fuel and therefore resulted in an overall increase in fuel costs of more than £50 million.

Neither BA, nor other big airlines affected by the price rise, expect there to be any effect on ticket prices or charter air fares however. BA described the increases as "a blip" and Britannia, Britain's biggest charter airline, said that their forward-buying policy and insurance "hedge" against such rises will protect passengers from any increase.

BA's turnover increased 10.5 per cent to £2.3 billion in the three months, with 8.35 million passengers carried. Although the total number of *passengers was only marginally* up on the same period last year, on average they flew further and therefore earned more in revenue for the airline. Overall yield was up 6.6 per cent.

Significanctly, cargo carryings — always regarded as a key early indicator of the country's economic well-being — rose by 9.4 per cent. Profit after tax was £115 million, equivalent to earnings of 11.9p per share, up 13.3 per cent on the 10.5p a year ago.

Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chairman, was in upbeat mood yesterday. "The outlook for the airline industry in general and for British Airways in particular remains encouraging," he said. "This will be another record year for *the industry.*

"With our current and proposed alliance partnerships and our plans to deliver step change improvements in business efficiency, we are well placed to provide continuing profitable growth for our shareholders and employees."

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Calderburn names chief executive

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

CALDERBURN, the troubled office furniture company, yesterday ended its long hunt for a new chief executive with the appointment of Stephen Thomson. Mr Thomson, who was formerly managing director at Oceanics, replaces Alec Waddicor who resigned this year, although he will continue as a consultant.

Christopher Taylor, previously a finance director with Dobson Park Industries, will take over as finance director from Keith Bennett, who also stepped down after the group ran into trouble this year.

Calderburn shares have plummeted from a high of 200p to a low of 31p in barely a year after three profits warnings and a slump into the red.

Full-year losses for 1995 totalled £3.75 million, after the company was forced to sell the Cooper Dauphin business at a £4.25 million loss. Calderburn passed on its final dividend. *Shares in the company yesterday rose 4p to close at 35p.*

Chairman to buy Verson's press division for £29m

BY OLIVER AUGUST

VERSON International, the Midlands machinery maker, plans to sell its press division to Tim Kelleher, the group's executive chairman, for £29 million.

The company yesterday said that given the size of its existing borrowings and the expected increase in working capital required, debt could not be meaningfully reduced through improved operating performance.

Mr Kelleher said: "The disposal of the press division reduces the debt burden significantly and allows the group to develop and focus on its profitable metal processing businesses."

The sale is to be approved by shareholders at an extraordinary meeting. They will also be asked to vote on a change of name at the annual meeting in September. The name "Verson", which is traditionally associated with printing, is part of the sale and will stay with the press division. The remainder of the machinery maker, split into the Littell and Bronx divisions, is to be called MetalTech.

After the conclusion of the acquisition Mr Kelleher will resign as chief executive but remain as chairman of MetalTech.

He will also become chairman of Press Purchase Company, the buyers of the press division.

In the year to February 2, 1996, the press division reported losses of £4.7 million on sales of £51.9 million.

In the same period Verson showed operating profits of £300,000 compared with losses of £6.3 million the previous year. Turnover grew from £104 million to £106 million and profits before tax fell from £11.3 million to £4.8 million.

Britannia loyalty adds £3m to costs

BY SARA MCCONNELL

BRITANNIA *Building Society's* attempts to retain the loyalty of its customers in the face of pressure to convert to a bank has led to a sharp rise in management expenses.

The administration bill rose to £54.1 million (£50.9 million) in the first six months of this year. The extra sum went to fund the costs of setting up the loyalty bonus scheme and improvements to the customer database.

John Heaps, chief executive, said 50 per cent of customers had already responded to mailshots introducing the bonus scheme, which will award bonuses to savers and borrowers.

Pre-tax profits for the first six months of this year rose to £57.3 million, up 13 per cent on last year, mostly because of a halving of provisions for bad debts, from £15.1 million in the first half of 1995 to £7.1 million in 1996. Gross lending was up 90 per cent on the same period last year at £740.6 million.

Income and charges from fees and commissions fell from £27.4 million to £26.7 million.

HSBC Holdings plc

1996 Interim Results

Half year to	30 June 1996	30 June 1995
Profit before tax	£2,321m	£1,737m
Profit attributable to shareholders	£1,586m	£1,203m
Earnings per share	60.14p	46.11p
Dividends per share	15.00p	9.25p
Capital resources	£23,403m	£19,464m

First half 1996 over first half 1995:

- Pre-tax profit up 34% and attributable profit up 32%
- Pre-tax profit up 28% and attributable profit up 27% in Hong Kong dollars
- Earnings per share up 30%
- Dividends per share up 62%
- Total capital ratio 15.3% and tier 1 capital ratio 9.8%

Comment by Sir William Purves,
HSBC Group Chairman

"Our results for the first half of 1996 were good. A number of features were particularly satisfying. In Midland Bank, operating expenses declined. First Direct continued to make good progress, adding 88,000 customers and steadily growing its profitability. Our global custody business won significant new accounts. In Hong Kong, action taken in the last eighteen months to strengthen and expand our treasury centre has generated stronger foreign exchange earnings. Hang Seng Bank continued to expand the proportion of its balance sheet taken up by advances to customers. Our other businesses in the rest of the Asia-Pacific region also performed well.

The Board has declared a first interim dividend of 15 pence per share, an increase of 62 per cent compared with 9.25 pence declared at this stage in 1995. This increased interim dividend reflects both the Group's improved results and the desire to increase the proportion of the annual distribution paid out at the interim stage.

The Board also plans to accelerate the distribution of dividends following the year-end by paying a second interim dividend in respect of 1996 in lieu of a final dividend. This dividend will be declared with the year-end results in early March for payment in early May.

Our markets remain highly competitive and are undergoing structural change. With strong capital and liquidity and with a loyal and dedicated workforce, we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead."

The 1996 Interim Report will be sent to shareholders on Friday, 16 August 1996 and copies may be obtained from Group Public Affairs at the address below.

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STOCK MARKET

KAREN ZAGOR

HSBC's strong showing helps to buoy shares

HSBC's Douglas Flint and Sir William Purves, chairman

SHARES held on to modest gains throughout the day in a market buoyed by the strong close on Wall Street on Friday and better than expected interim profits from **HSBC**, the large banking group that owns Midland.

Volume was slight, however, as traders awaited Wednesday's quarterly inflation report from the Bank of England and a spate of economic news from the US.

"There is a combination of excuses for not dealing," said one leading broker, who noted that the summer torpor had set in, further muting the market. "There has also been a slight change in the interest rate state of play. The outlook for lower interest rates has shifted to unchanged to higher rates. While that change takes place, the market tends to wait and see until there is a clear path ahead," he added.

On Friday, the Dow Jones industrial average surged 85.08 points to 5,679.83 in response to some weakness in the US jobs report, alleviating fears about inflation and a rise in short-term interest rates. Large movements on Wall Street usually reverberate in the UK, but brokers said attention was firmly focused on UK economic news for the week, now that the US jobless figures had been absorbed. The FT-SE 100 ended near its high of the day, at 3,788.3, up 17.7 points.

In such a thin market individual share price movements tend to be exaggerated. HSBC, whose finance director is Douglas Flint, was the biggest blue chip mover of the day, with the ordinary shares climbing 48p to 1,164p, considerably above the previous high for the year of 1,124p.

The rise followed the release of interim profits at the international investment banking group which owns Midland Bank. The unexpectedly strong results triggered a round of broker upgrades for the stock, with new estimates for 1996 earnings.

The HSBC board has also restructured its dividend payments to put the final payout in the hands of shareholders a month earlier than it was previously paid.

Pearson was another top-performing blue chip issue, climbing 19p to 630p as the market applauded the sale of the group's Westminster Press operations for £305 milion to Newsquest. Pearson's interim results were on the disappointing side, but traders took heart from signs that the the company's US Mindscape computer games business, while still loss-making, appears to be over the worst.

British Telecom was the most heavily traded issue of the day. The company's eleventh-hour settlement with Oftel, the regulator, over pricing helped shares in BT to rise 1p to 365.5p. There had been concern that BT would fail to reach an agreement and that the case would be referred to the Mergers and Monopolies Commission, where it could have dragged on for another year. The settlement was announced late Friday, after the markets had closed for the day. Although share price movement appeared slight, stockbrokers noted that the shares also went ex-dividend yesterday and that effectively they were up 10p or 11p, taking the dividend into account.

In the banking sector, a number of companies went ex-dividend, sending their shares lower. **National Westminster** fell 13p to 642p **while Lloyds TSB** lost 13p to 341.5p. **Abbey National** edged 3p lower to 585p. The bank confirmed that it had completed its merger with National & Provincial building society and that 84 million new Abbey ordinary shares had been listed. Meanwhile **Barclays** gained 5p to 845p ahead of its interim results tomorrow.

Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery and soft drinks group headed by Dominic Cadbury, gave up some of Friday's gains when a takeover offer failed to materialise. Traders said there was also evidence that American buying had contributed to Friday's 20p price rise. The shares fell 10p to 529p.

British Airways slipped 6.5p to 534p in spite of posting first-quarter profits which broadly met analysts' expectations. There was some concern that growth had come from lower interest charges instead of revenue growth and that spending on personnel and fuel was higher than the market would have liked.

There is also concern that British Airway's alliance with American Airlines may not proceed as smoothly as expected and that USAir is moving through the US courts to severe its ties with BA.

In the drugs sector, **Zeneca's** shares hit 1451p, up 18p, amid speculation that the company is the target of a friendly merger approach from **SmithKline Beecham**, which added 4p to 719p. Brokers were also bullish about the company's interim results. Zeneca is expected to unveil double-digit earnings growth, led by improvements in agrochemicals.

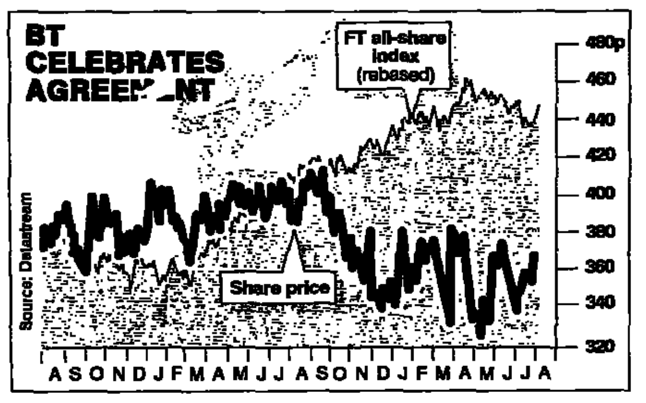
A nine-for-one stock split was good news for **British Biotech**, which last month failed to meet its offer price of £20.50. The shares advanced 13.5p to 231p. Among other biotechnology issues, **Celltech** firmed 27p to 535p and **Chiroscience** was up 6p at 371p.

On the Alternative Investment Market, **Network Technology**, which started trading last week, consolidated its gains by adding 21p to close at 164p. The gains followed reports that brokers expect the shares to hit 200p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: The day started on a slow note, with prices edging downwards ahead of the industrial production data. When the numbers arrived, they were weaker than expected, helping the Treasury 8 per cent 2000 to advance £$\frac{3}{32}$ to £103$\frac{9}{16}$. At the long end, the Treasury 8 per cent 2015 added £$\frac{5}{32}$ to £99$\frac{3}{32}$ while in the futures pits the September long gilt gained £$\frac{5}{32}$ to £108 with 21,000 contracts completed.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares on Wall Street were marginally stronger after last week's rally and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was ahead by 7.40 points at 5,687.23.

Speculation that a predator is about to snap up Aberdeen Steak Houses sent shares soaring to 70p from 38p. A statement from the USM-quoted restaurant chain saying it knew of no reason for the price movement failed to halt the gains. The company recently said that the BSE scare would hurt first-half results.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 5687.23 (+7.40)
S&P Composite 662.47 (-0.02)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 21077.47 (+137.06)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 11071.43 (+109.46)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 550.12 (-0.33)

Sydney:
AO 2253.7 (+25.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2520.93 (+12.28)

Singapore:
Straits 2146.72 (+10.33)

Brussels:
General 9507.45 (+86.41)

Paris:
CAC-40 2013.19 (-10.22)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 759.10 (+5.60)

London:
FT 30 2775.1 (+2.7)
FT 100 3788.3 (+17.7)
FT-SE Mid 250 4288.4 (+22.7)
FT-SE-A 350 1895.1 (+9.11)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 1644.68 (+13.13)
FT A All-Share 1872.28 (+8.72)
FT Non Financials 1975.06 (+7.84)
FT Fixed Interest 113.19 (+0.17)
FT Govt Secs 94.35 (+1.02)
Bargains 33990
SEAQ Volume 1203.6m
USM (Datastrm) 204.11 (+0.16)
US$ 1.5437 (+0.0012)
German Mark 2.2865 (+0.0070)
Exchange Index 84.2 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2001
£:SDR 1.0560
RPI 153.0 Jun (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX 152.6 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AND Intl	72	...
Allzyme	51	+ 6
Allied Carpets	231	+ 1
Alumax	2040½	+ 16½
Atkins WS	231	+ 1
BATM Adv Cms	130	...
British Eng (100)	102½	+ ¼
Digital Animatns	86	+ 1
Drings of Bath	4	...
Electronic Retail	148	...
Fayrewood	48	...
HIT Ent (163)	187	- 2
Hat Pin	63	- 1
Hoare Govett 1000 C	97	...
Life Numbers	15	...
Life Numbers Wts	6	...
Lotteryking Wts	1½	...
NECA	17	...
Plasmon	174	...
Pordum Foods Wts	1¼	...
Quintain Ests & Dev	114	...
Robert Walters	116	+ 1
SCI Entertainment	156	...
Schroder Emg Wts	34½	...
Schroder Emg	91½	...
Selector	68	...
Theraptic Anti	474	...
UNO	168	+ 2
West 175 Enter	125	...
Xavier Computer	10	- 1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Inspratns n/p (100)	2	+ ½
Lorien n/p (250)	10	...
Old English n/p (100)	16	...
Sema Gp n/p (595)	138	+ 7
Synd Cap Tst n/p (110)	1½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Celltech 535p (+27p)
Danka Bs Sys 483p (+18p)
Wolseley 435p (+15p)
Servisair 345p (+10p)
Forth Ports 555p (+15p)

FALLS:
Firecrest 45p (-15p)
Filtronic Com 196p (-49p)
Phonelink 103p (-20p)
Bluebird Toys 176p (-33p)

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TEMPUS

Better than it sounds

THE trouble with HSBC Holdings is that it even sounds like a conglomerate. Banks should have solid, conservative and sensible names like Midland or National Westminster. Acronyms bring to mind depressing thoughts of BTR or BET, comparisons that do injustice to a company that boasts a return on equity exceeding 20 per cent and yesterday delivered half-year profits growth of a third.

Unfortunately, the market is suspicious and gives HSBC insufficient credit for its astonishing performance. Part of the problem may be a hiccup in 1994 when the bank's proprietary traders lost a bundle in bonds. More problematic is the bank's exposure to Hong Kong. HSBC's banking arms in the Colony are earning huge margins on mortgage business — double the rates that might prevail in the UK. Some of the gain is due to the unusually low cost of wholesale funds. Hong Kong is an island of big savers and HSBC's banks are regarded as a secure place to deposit cash for people who may have an eye on the door marked exit or at least prefer to deal with banks that do not share information with party officials.

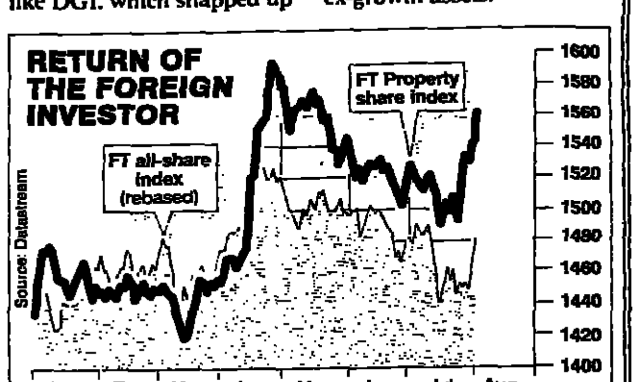
The Hong Kong factor may depress HSBC's rating but it also explains the strength of the bank, which is massively underlent. It gives the organisation an enviable cost/income ratio (huge margins in Hong Kong and lack of a redundant portfolio of bank branches) and explains why HSBC could fund the development of First Direct in the UK. The conglomeration of financial services in the UK and Asia has been good for HSBC. Even better are promises that it has no plans to squander capital on expensive bids.

Commercial property

A SENSE of déjà vu pervades yesterday's big property deal at Sea Containers House. No matter that the investments appear to be hopelessly ex-growth; the attraction is the income and the secure covenant from the tenant. The mysterious buyers of Sea Containers House will have to wait for rental growth — were the building to be let today it might fetch £17 per square foot, about half the current income. However that is not a concern if long-term gilt yields are below 8 per cent.

The idea is to borrow heavily against the secure rental income — in this case guaranteed by Sea Containers (a substantial company) and HM Customs and Excise (the other tenant). An investment yield approaching 9 per cent means that the buyers should be able to cover the cost of financing the deal substantially with debt leaving their equity highly geared to any movement in capital values.

Surveyors were stitching together dozens of such deals three or four years ago, mainly with German funds like DGI, which snapped up the Land Securities building in Knightsbridge. When Britain left the ERM and sterling plummeted, British property seemed cheap to foreigners. It still looks cheap to patient money, but if property shares are on the rise it has more to do with relief that companies like Land Sec can find buyers for ex-growth assets.



British Airways

POLITICIANS seeking re-election brought you the soundbite. Company directors with their eyes on a better share price have adopted the "big number". The big number is useful because it is impressive but meaningless — and British Airways used it to perfection three months ago when it announced a target of £1 billion of "business enhancements".

For an airline with some £7 billion of costs, removal of £1 billion would indeed be impressive. But it quickly became clear that BA's bosses were not to be drawn into the vulgar detail of spelling out what they mean by business enhancements. That might excite the airline unions, who are a little jumpy these days, but more problematic, the shareholders might be able to measure performance by comparing what was said with what was achieved.

Yesterday, BA announced figures which seemed to indicate that costs were on the rise while core business profits were up only £1 million to £195 million. Indeed, most of the growth seemed to come from a reduction in losses at TAT, the French operation. BA was quick to explain that the weak profit growth was because of currency fluctuations and higher fuel costs, but overall costs have been steadily rising.

Perhaps that is what enhancement really means.

Allders

TALKS between Allders and Peter Green about buying some of his Owen Owen department store chain have an air of desperation about them.

Allders has been sitting on £100 million of cash since it sold its duty-free operations to Swissair earlier this summer. Shareholders were last month told to expect a "significant" return of cash, but expectations may have to be trimmed as Allders wants to buy more department stores.

Owen Owen has, to put it kindly, a chequered past. After a disastrous move upmarket in the last recession, they were sold to Mr Green, who made his name in discount retailing, notably with What Everyone Wants.

A price of £123 million for up to eight stores may not, financially, be a bad deal: industry estimates are that turnover for all of Allders's 13 stores was £137 million last year.

However, a lot depends on how many and which stores make up the package, and Mr Green is not known to be a pushover when it comes to negotiating.

Without its duty-free division, Allders has become somewhat vulnerable. Buying a few Owen Owen stores may provide it with the illusory security of turnover, but Allders is in danger of acting on the "never mind the quality, feel the width" principle. Such deals rarely end well.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	979-978	Dec	1063-1062
Dec	999-998	Mar	1076 BID
Mar	1013-1012	May	1095-1085
May	1026-1025	Jul	1105-1090
Jul	1038-1037		
Sep	1051-1049		Volume: 1800

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1553-1550	May	1437-1433
Nov	1525-1521	Jul	unq
Jan	1487-1482	Sep	...
Mar	1451-1446		Volume: 1693

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	338.0-36.6
Spot: 371.0		Aug	335.0-34.6
Oct	346.5-46.0	Oct	325.0-22.3
Dec	343.5-43.0	Dec	327.5-22.3
Mar	341.0-40.5		Volume: 968

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 2

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	101.05	100.96	94.25
(+/-)	-0.96	-11.25	-4.73
Eng/Wales:	101.05	101.21	93.94
(+/-)	-0.96	-11.79	-4.74
(%)	-6.0	+59.0	-20.0
Scotland:	unq	99.48	97.90
(+/-)	--	-7.81	-3.97
(%)	--	+69.0	-34.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.60	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.50	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Oct)	19.20	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	21.10	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	20.55	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	203 (+3)	205 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	185 (+5)	186 (+5)
3.5 Fuel Oil	94 (+3)	96 (+3)
Naphtha	188 (+1)	192 (+3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	181.00-81.50	Nov	176.50-77.00
Sep	178.50 SLR	Dec	175.00-75.25
Oct	178.25 SLR		Vol: 14100

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	19.56-19.58	Dec	18.50-18.53
Oct	19.22 BID	Jan	18.20 BID
Nov	18.87 BID		Vol: 31424

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	110.40	Sep	101.25
Nov	111.95	Nov	103.50
Jan	114.50	Jan	105.50
Mar	116.00	Mar	108.00
May	118.00	May	110.00
Volume: 255		Volume: 96	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	85.0
Mar	--	110.0
Apr	109.9	102.8
		Volume: 258

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Sep 89.75-90.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 96	1080	1075	1090
Sep 96	1130	1120	1136
Oct 96	1216	1214	1218
Jan 97	unq	unq	1239
Vol: 47 lots			Open Interest: 3772

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2037.0-2038.0	1938.0-1939.0	997550
Lead ($/tonne)	799.00-800.00	804.00-805.00	114775
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1011.5-1012.0	1039.0-1038.5	299025
Tin ($/tonne)	6065.0-6070.0	6125.0-6130.0	21000
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1466.0-1467.0	1504.0-1504.5	649900
Nickel ($/tonne)	6815.0-6820.0	6920.0-6925.0	46794

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom	420	36½	44½	48½	5½	13½	18½
(*447½)	460	13½	22	28	21	33½	39
ASDA	110	7	10	12	3	5½	7
(*114½)	120	2½	5½	8	9	11	12½
Boots	600	27½	39	50½	11	20½	25
(*611½)	650	7	16½	27	41	48½	52½
Br Airways	500	44½	53	63½	5	12	16
(*534)	550	15	25	35½	24	32½	38
BP	550	50½	58½	65½	4	10	15½
(*596)	600	17½	27½	36	20½	30	36
Br Steel	180	10½	15	19	4½	9	11
(*185)	200	2	6	10½	16½	20½	22½
C & W	390	33	42	49½	6½	12½	17½
(*412)	420	15½	25	33½	18	25½	31
CU	600	18	33	41	24½	31	46½
(*602)	650	4½	13½	21½	62½	65½	79
ICI	750	36½	54½	65½	16½	25½	38½
(*777)	800	13½	30	40½	44½	52	65½
Land Sec	650	43½	51	62	4	9½	13
(*682½)	700	12	20	32½	23	31	34½
M & S	460	43	49½	58½	3	7½	10½
(*495½)	500	15	24	33½	16	22½	25½
Nat West	600	54	71	78½	5½	12½	24½
(*642)	650	22	41	49½	23½	32	47½
Safeway plc	330	21	28½	35	8	14½	18
(*340)	360	6½	14½	21	24	30½	34
Sainsbury	390	14	21½	30½	10½	18	20½
(*390½)	420	3½	10½	17½	30½	36	38
Shell	900	42½	54	67	13	20½	30½
(*929)	950	14½	28	39½	40	46	59½
Smkl Bch	687	46	—	—	11½	—	—
(*718)	736	30	—	—	35	—	—
Storehse	280	21½	—	—	3½	—	—
(*298)	300	9½	—	—	11½	—	—
Trafalgar	50	1	—	—	0½	—	—
(*50)	60	0	—	—	10	—	—
Zeneca	1450	58	93	110½	51	72	89
(*1451½)	1500	36	69½	87	81½	99½	117
	Series	Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAT Ind	500	16½	29	38	7½	19½	24½
(*515½)	550	0	10	16½	46½	51	54½
Vodafone	240	7	18	21	4½	12	14½
(*242½)	260	1	9	12½	18	23½	26
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	420	30½	42	49	0½	6	13½
(*449)	460	4½	18½	27	14	22	32½
Ladbroke	180	11½	17½	22½	1	7	10½
(*190)	200	1½	8½	13	11	18	21½
Utd Bisc	200	14	20½	24	0½	6	8½
(*213)	220	1½	9½	14½	8	15½	18½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	460	25	31½	40½	9½	16½	20
(*470)	500	7	13	21½	33	38½	41½
Thames W	500	51	57½	65½	3½	10½	15
(*542½)	550	18	27½	36½	18½	31½	36
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	240	9	15	20	1½	9½	11
(*247)	260	0½	6	11	13½	22	23
Br Aero	900	37	61	82	4	23	32
(*930)	950	8	35	55	25½	47½	56
Br Telcm	360	9	20	27	4	11	19
(*364½)	390	0½	7½	13½	25½	28½	36½
Cadbury	500	32	43	56½	1	11½	18
(*528½)	550	4½	17½	31½	23	36	43
Guinness	460	16½	27	38	2½	12½	17
(*473)	500	0½	9	19	27	35½	38
GEC	360	30	39	44½	0	4½	8½
(*389)	390	6	19	25½	7	15	20
Hanson	140	17½	18½	20½	0	2½	6½
(*157)	160	1½	6½	10	4½	11	15½
LASMO	180	6½	13	18	2	6	8
(*184½)	200	0½	5	9	15½	18	19
Lucas	220	17½	26	31	1	7	8½
(*236)	240	4	14½	20	8	15½	17
Pilkingtn	172	18½	—	—	0	—	—
(*190)	191	4	—	—	4½	—	—
Prudential	420	18½	27	38½	2	12	17½
(*435)	460	1½	9	19½	25½	35	39½
Redland	390	31	40½	46½	0½	8½	13
(*418½)	420	8½	21½	29	8	21½	26
R-Royce	220	6½	14½	19½	3½	11	14
(*221½)	240	0½	6½	11	18½	23½	25½
Tesco	280	15	21½	29½	1	7	11½
(*293)	300	3	11	19	9½	17	21
Williams	330	9½	16½	—	2½	11½	—
(*336½)	360	0	4½	—	23½	31	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3787½)

	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850	3900
Calls						
Aug	144	98½	58	26	8	1½
Sep	170½	132	97	65½	43	25½
Oct	190	151	118½	88	65	45
Nov	207½	169½	137	106	82½	59
Dec	—	194½	—	133	—	85½
Puts						
Aug	3½	7½	17	37½	70	113
Sep	23	34	48½	68	95	128
Oct	39	49	66½	86½	113½	144
Nov	51½	63	80	99	125	152½
Dec	—	79	—	117½	—	171

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Abby Nat	550	37	50	61	7	15	29
(*584½)	600	8½	24	35	32	39½	54½
Amstrad	130	13½	20	—	3½	8	—
(*138)	140	8	15½	—	7½	12½	—
Barclays	800	47	67	82	8	18	33½
(*845)	850	15½	39½	54	29½	40	57
Blue Circ	360	13½	23	27½	11	16½	18½
(*363½)	390	2½	10½	14½	31½	35	36½
Br Gas	180	18	21	24½	2½	5	8
(*195½)	200	5½	9	14½	10	15	18
Dixons	500	22	38	47½	10½	19	25
(*507½)	550	4	16	25½	43½	48½	53½
Forte	343	37	—	—	0½	—	—
(*379)	373	7	—	—	5½	—	—
Tarmac	100	5½	8½	11	3½	7½	8½
(*101½)	110	1½	4½	7	9½	14	14½
Hillsdwn	160	20	22½	24½	0½	3	4
(*178½)	180	5	9½	12½	6	10½	12
Lonrho	160	10½	15½	18	2½	5	7
(*167)	190	2	6	9	14	15½	17½
Sears	90	10	12½	—	0½	2	—
(*98½)	100	4	7	—	3½	6	—
Thorn	1700	79½	111	—	24½	44	—
(*1771½)	1800	21	59	—	78	95	—
Tomkins	260	9	15½	19½	8½	12	15
(*266½)	280	2	7½	11	23½	25	27½
Lloyds TSB	330	18	28½	34½	5	11	19½
(*341½)	360	4	14	19½	21½	26½	36
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo W	900	32	55½	71½	34½	47½	61
(*907)	950	13½	34½	50	67	78	90½
HSBC	1150	48	76½	97½	36	53½	74½
(*1163½)	1200	27	54	75	66	81½	103
Reuter	650	59½	77½	88	8½	17	27
(*693½)	700	28½	48	59	26½	38	48½
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Royal & Sun	394	16	26	30	16	24	31½
(*395)	431	4½	12	15½	44	48½	55
	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Kingfishr	600	43½	63½	71	9	20½	28½
(*632½)	650	15½	36	44½	32	43½	52½
	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Unilever	1250	47	58½	80	15	27	32½
(*1266½)	1300	19½	32½	53	41	52	56½
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Natl Pwr	400	21½	33	44	6	16	21
(*414)	450	3½	11½	21½	37	44½	48½
Scot Pwr	300	22½	25½	30½	4½	11	16
(*321)	330	4½	11	16½	22	27	32

August 5, 1996 Tot: 58055 Call: 25529 Put: 32526 FT-SE Call: 10836 Put: 12294
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 60936	Sep 96	3789.0	3803.0	3778.0	3799.0	8463
	Dec 96	3815.0	3823.5	3814.5	3820.0	761
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3491	Sep 96				4287.0	0
	Dec 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 410674	Sep 96	94.26	94.29	94.25	94.27	7341
	Dec 96	94.18	94.25	94.17	94.22	16812
	Mar 97	93.96	94.05	93.96	94.01	11392
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96				98.86	0
	Mar 97				98.58	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1019554	Sep 96	96.71	96.73	96.70	96.70	16679
	Dec 96	96.69	96.72	96.68	96.69	24944
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 145793	Sep 96	107-25	108-03	107-23	108-00	21069
	Dec 96	106-31	107-08	106-30	107-06	54
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	119.21	119.22	119.17	119.19	1108
	Dec 96	118.05	118.05	118.04	118.02	265
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 247765	Sep 96	97.76	97.80	97.66	97.71	60611
	Dec 96	96.87	96.87	96.80	96.83	1368
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 25768	Sep 96	95.63	95.65	95.61	95.62	655
	Dec 96	95.64	95.66	95.62	95.63	421
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 70822	Sep 96	97.63	97.68	97.62	97.63	4575
	Dec 96	97.57	97.59	97.53	97.54	3548
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 66075	Sep 96	116.96	117.30	116.82	117.11	29954
	Dec 96	116.40	116.40	116.40	116.42	309

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 4 Week fixed: 5 11/16
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5½ : 3 mth 5 7/16 . Sell: 2 mth 5 7/16 : 3 mth: 5½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 11/16-5 9/16	5 11/16-5½	5½-5 7/16	5½-5 7/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	5 7/8-5¾	5 7/8-5 11/16	5 7/8-5 11/16	5 15/16-5¾	6 1/16-5 15/16
Interbank:	5 15/16-5¾	5 7/8-5 11/16	5 7/8-5 13/16	5 7/8-5 13/16	6 1/16-5 15/16

Overnight: open 5¾, close 4 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5 11/16	n/a	5 11/16	5 11/16	5 15/16
Sterling CDs:	5½-5 11/16	5½-5 11/16	5½-5 11/16	5 13/16-5 11/16	5 15/16-5 13/16
Dollar CDs:	5.33	n/a	5.40	5.55	5.78
Building Society CDs:	5 7/8-5 11/16	5 13/16-5 11/16	5 13/16-5 11/16	5¾-5 11/16	6-5 15/16

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5 3/16-4 15/16	5 7/16-5 5/16	5½-5⅜	5½-5½	5-4
Deutschemark:	3 5/16-3 3/16	3¼-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3½-2½
French Franc:	3⅝-3½	3 11/16-3½	3 13/16-3 11/16	3 15/16-3 13/16	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2 1/16-1 15/16	2¼-2 1/16	2⅜-2¼	2½-2⅜	2½-1½
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $388.00-388.30 **Close:** $389.50-389.90 **High:** $390.40-390.90
Low: $387.40-387.90 **AM:** $387.95 **PM:** $389.75

Krugerrand: $388.50-391.50 (£251.75-253.75)

Platinum: $403.50 (£261.40) **Silver:** $5.11 (£3.305) **Palladium:** $129.00 (£83.60)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 5	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5548-2.5662	2.5637-2.5662	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Brussels	46.920-47.154	47.108-47.154	0.14-0.09pr	0.33-0.26pr
Copenhagen	8.8000-8.8432	8.8344-8.8432	1½-1¼pr	4½-3½pr
Dublin	0.9583-0.9615	0.9592-0.9604	2 ds-1pr	3 ds-1pr
Frankfurt	2.2774-2.2883	2.2855-2.2883	½-⅜pr	1½-1⅜pr
Lisbon	233.87-235.10	234.80-235.10	¼-¾ds	¼-1ds
Madrid	193.83-194.58	194.41-194.58	0.23-0.33ds	0.72-0.89ds
Milan	2338.5-2346.2	2339.2-2342.2	0.05-0.07ds	0.16-0.18ds
Montreal	2.1188-2.1277	2.1211-2.1232	0.31-0.25pr	0.55-0.47pr
New York	1.5430-1.5474	1.5434-1.5444	0.075-0.055pr	0.103-0.072pr
Oslo	9.8350-9.8846	9.8751-9.8846	1½-½pr	2½-1½pr
Paris	7.7360-7.7799	7.7718-7.7799	1½-1¼pr	4-3½pr
Stockholm	10.179-10.220	10.195-10.213	¼-½ds	¼-½ds
Tokyo	164.37-165.48	164.53-164.73	½-¼pr	2½-2¼pr
Vienna	16.024-16.103	16.086-16.103	½-¼pr	1-¾pr
Zurich	1.8463-1.8570	1.8544-1.8570	½-¼pr	1½-1¼pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2938-1.2946
Austria	10.40-10.41
Belgium (Com)	30.47-30.50
Canada	1.3730-1.3740
Denmark	5.7165-5.7195
France	5.0300-5.0320
Germany	1.4790-1.4800
Hong Kong	7.7350-7.7360
Ireland	1.6079-1.6089
Italy	1517.90-1519.40
Japan	106.51-106.55
Malaysia	2.4910-2.4920
Netherlands	1.6591-1.6596
Norway	6.3897-6.3917
Portugal	151.94-152.04
Singapore	1.4157-1.4167
Spain	125.88-125.91
Sweden	6.6099-6.6167
Switzerland	1.1990-1.2000

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5432-1.5458
Australia dollar	1.9961-1.9987
Bahrain dinar	0.5765-0.5885
Brazil real*	1.5560-1.5602
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7035-0.7135
Finland markka	6.8650-6.9810
Greece drachma	360.75-367.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.9336-11.9428
India rupee	54.49-55.45
Indonesia rupiah	3587.00-3655.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4575-0.4675
Malaysia ringgit	3.8441-3.8489
New Zealand dollar	2.2592-2.2630
Pakistan rupee	54.51 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5675-5.6000
Singapore dollar	2.1851-2.1881
S Africa rand (com)	6.8640-6.9660
U A E dirham	5.6150-5.7390

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	270	Marks Spr	2,300
ASDA Gp	6,700	NatWst Bk	3,400
Abbey Ntl	870	Nat Grid	2,500
Allied Dom	1,200	Nat Power	3,600
Argos	221	Next	731
AB Foods	101	Orange	2,500
BAA	2,500	P & O	1,100
BAT Inds	3,900	Pearson	1,900
BOC	830	Pilkington	1,600
BP	1,700	PowerGen	364
BSkyB	946	Prudential	676
BTR	3,900	RMC	248
BT	18,500	RTZ	465
Bk of Scot	4,600	Railtrack	11,400
Barclays	3,900	Rank Org	1,300
Bass	734	Reckitt Col	112
Blue Circle	3,300	Redland	642
Boots	2,100	Reed Intl	515
BAe	1,400	Rentokil	3,100
BA	1,400	Reuters	2,600
Brit Gas	4,600	Rolls Royce	1,900
Brit Steel	1,600	Royal & Sun	5,500
Burmah Cstl	125	Ryl Bk Scot	3,200
Burton	1,600	Safeway	1,800
Cable Wire	5,900	Sainsbury	1,100
Cadbury	5,200	Schroders	71
Carlton Cms	1,100	Scot & New	1,600
Cm Union	1,600	Scot Power	535
Cookson	480	Svrn Trent	240
Courtaulds	227	Shell Trans	1,700
Dixons	2,800	Siebe	1,100
Enterpr Oil	123	SmKl Bch	2,400
GKN	453	Smith Nph	397
GRE	1,300	Smiths Inds	455
GUS	2,000	Sthern Elec	361
Gen Acc	2,600	Std Chartd	3,100
Gen Elec	2,800	TI Gp	374
Glaxo Well	2,900	Tate & Lyle	514
Granada	1,700	Tesco	1,600
Grand Met	2,300	Thames W	781
Guinness	2,500	Thrn EMI	279
HSBC	11,400	Tomkins	2,700
Hanson	7,700	Unilever	512
ICI	733	Utd Utilities	326
Kingfisher	523	Utd News	960
LASMO	2,200	Vodafone	8,600
Ladbroke	2,500	Whitbread	2,200
Land Secs	943	Wlms Hld	417
Legal & Gn	451	Wolseley	3,000
Lloyds TSB	8,800	Zeneca	1,200

WALL STREET

	Aug 5 midday	Aug 2 close
AMP Inc	40¾	40¼
AMR Corp	82¼	81¼
ASA	41½	40¾
AT & T	54¼	54½
Abbott Labs	45½	45½
Advanced Micro	12½	12¾
Aetna Life	61¾	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	25½	25½
Air Prod & Chem	54½	54½
AirTouch Comm	27¼	28¼
Alberto-Culver B	43¼	44½
Albertson's	41¼	41½
Alcan Aluminm	30	30½
Alco Standard	45½	45½
Allied Signal	61½	62¼
Alum Co of Am	61	60¼
Amax Gold Inc	6	5¾
Amerada Hess	50¾	49½
Amer Brands	40½	40½
Amer El Power	43¼	42¼
Amer Express	45	45½
Amer Genl Corp	35½	35½
Amer Home Pr	59½	59½
Amer Intl	98¼	98½
Amer Stores	38½	38¼
Amer Standard	33	32¼
Ameritech	57¼	57¼
Amoco	67½	68¼
Anheuser-Busch	74½	74
Apple Computer	21¼	21¼
Archer Daniels	18¼	18
Armco	4¼	4¼
Armstrng Wrld	59½	57¼
Asarco	25½	24¼
Atl Richfield	117¼	116½
Auto Data Prn	41	41¼
Avery Dennisun	53½	53¼
Avon Products	45	46¼
Baker Hughes	30¼	30½
Baltim Gas & El	26½	26½
Banc One	36	36¼
BankAmerica	83½	84½
Bank of NY	54½	54½
Bankers Tr NY	75½	76
Barnett Banks	62¼	63½
Bausch & Lomb	36¼	36¼
Baxter Intl	44½	44½
Bectn Dicknsn	80¼	80½
Bell Atlantic	61½	61½
Bell Industries	17½	17½
BellSouth	41¼	41½
Black & Decker	38	38¼
Block (H&R)	27½	27¼
Boeing	90½	91½
Boise Cascade	33½	32½
Bristol Myrs Sq	89½	89¼
Browning Ferris	27¼	23½
Brunswick	19½	19½
Burlington Nthn	80½	79½
CMS Energy Corp	30½	30½
CNA Financial	102½	102½
CPC Intl	68¼	68½
CSX	49½	49
Campbell Soup	69½	69½
Can Pacific	22¼	22½
Carolina Pwr	37¼	37½
Caterpillar	68¼	68
Central & SW	27½	27½
Champion Intl	42¼	42¼
Chase Manhat	73½	74½
Chevron Corp	59½	59½
Chrysler	30	29½
Chubb Corp	45½	45½
Cigna Corp	109½	109½
Citicorp	86¼	87½
Clorox	91½	91½
Coastal Corp	39¼	39
Coca Cola	49	49½
Colgate-Palmolive	80¼	79½
Columbia Gas	55	54½
ColumbiaHCA	57½	54
Compaq Comp	54½	56¼
Comp Ass Int	53½	53½
Conagra	43½	43½
Conrail	68	67½
Cons Edison	27¼	27¼
Cons Nat Gas	52½	51½
Cooper Inds	39¼	41
Corestates	40½	40½
Corning Inc	38½	38½
Crown Cork	47½	47
Dana Corp	29½	29
Dayton Hudson	31½	32½
Deere	38	37½
Delta Air Lines	72½	71½
Deluxe Corp	37½	38½
Digital Equip	37½	36½
Dillard Dept St	33½	34½
Disney (Walt)	58½	58
Dominion Res	38½	38½
Donnelley (RR)	33½	33½
Dover Corp	44½	44½
Dow Chemical	76½	75½
Dow Jones	40	39½
Dresser	28½	28
Duke Power	49½	49½
Dun & Bradstreet	57½	57½
Du Pont	82½	81½
Eastman Chem	54½	55½
Eastman Kodak	76½	76½

	Aug 5 midday	Aug 2 close
Eaton Corp	56¼	56½
Edison Intl	16	16
Emerson Elec	88¼	88½
Engelhard Corp	21½	20¾
Enron Corp	39½	40
Entergy	25½	26½
Ethyl Corp	8½	9
Exxon	84½	84½
FMC Corp	67½	66½
FPL Group	46½	46
Federal Express	78	78½
Fed Nat Mtge	33½	34½
First Bk Sys	62½	63½
First Union Rlty	6	6½
Fleet Finl Grp	42½	42½
Fluor Corp	62½	63
Ford Motor	33½	34
GTE Corp	42½	42½
Gannett	67½	68½
Gap Inc Del	32½	32½
Gen Dynamics	64½	64½
Gen Electric	86½	86½
Gen Mills	55	54½
Gen Motors	50½	50½
Gen Reinsurance	151½	152½
Gen Signal	39	40
Genuine Parts	43½	43½
Georgia Pac	77½	76½
Gillette	63½	63½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	27½	27
Goodrich (BF)	38½	38
Goodyear Tire	45½	44½
Grace (WR)	67½	64½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27½	27½
Great Wstn Fin	24½	24½
Halliburton	54½	53½
Harcourt General	48½	49
Heinz (HJ)	34½	34
Hercules	51½	51½
Hershey Foods	84	86½
Hewlett Packard	45½	45½
Hilton Hotels	107½	108½
Home Depot	53½	53½
Homestake Mng	16½	16½
Honeywell	56½	57
Household Intl	77½	79½
Houston Inds	23½	23½
Humana	17½	16½
ITT Corp	58½	59½
Illinois Tool	67½	67
Illinova	26½	26½
INCO	32	31½
Ingersoll Rand	44	43½
Inland Steel	17½	17½
Intel Corp	77½	78½
IBM	108½	108½
Intl Flav & Fr	44½	41½
Intl Paper	39½	38½
James River Va	25½	25½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	50½	50
Kellogg	76½	77½
Kerr-McGee	58½	58½
Kimberly-Clark	77½	77
Kmart	11	10½
Knight-Ridder	33½	34
Lilly (Eli)	58½	58
Limited Inc	19	20
Lincoln Nat	45	44½
Litton	43½	44
Liz Claiborne	33	33½
Lockheed Martin	84½	83½
Louisiana Pac	20½	20½
MCI Comm	26½	26½
Marriott Int	54½	55½
Marsh & McLnn	92½	92½
Masco Corp	29½	29½
May Dept St	45½	45½
Maytag Corp	20½	20
McDonalds	47½	47½
McDonnell D	47½	47½
McGraw Hill	40½	40½
Mead Corp	56½	55½
Medtronic	51½	51½
Mellon Bk	55½	55
Melville Corp	40½	40½
Merck Inc	66	66
Merrill Lynch	63½	64½
Microsoft	123	123½
Minnesota Mine	65½	67½
Mobil Corp	113½	112½
Monsanto	32	31½
Morgan (JP)	89½	89½
Motorola Inc	56½	56½
Natl Semi	14½	15½
Natl Service Ind	38½	38½
Navistar Intl	10	10
NY Times A	30½	30
Newmont Mng	54	51½
Niag Mohawk	7	7½
Nike B	107½	108½
NL Industries	10	10½
Noram Energy	11½	11
Nordstrom	41½	40½
Norfolk Sthrn	82½	82
Nthn State Pwr	45½	45½
Norwest Corp	36½	37
Nynex Corp	46½	46½
Occidental Pet	23½	23
Ohio Edison	21½	21½
Oracle	39½	39½

	Aug 5 midday	Aug 2 close
Oryx Energy Co	16	15½
Overseas Ship	17½	17½
Owens Corning	39½	39½
PHH Corp	27½	27½
PPG Industries	50½	51
PNC Bank	30½	30½
PP&L Res	23½	23
Paccar Inc	45½	45½
Pacificorp	21½	21½
Pac Enterprises	30	30½
Pac Gas & Elect	20½	20½
Pac Telesis	35½	35½
Pall Corp	25	24½
Parker Hannifin	36½	36½
Peco Energy	24½	24½
Penney (JC)	51½	51½
Pennzoil	51	50½
Pepsico	33	33½
Pfizer	73½	73½
Pharm & Upjhn	43½	42½
Phelps Dodge	62½	61½
Philip Morris	105½	106½
Phillips Pet	39½	39½
Pitney Bowes	48½	49½
Polaroid	43½	44½
PriceCostco	21½	21½
Procter & Gmbl	90½	90½
Providian	40½	40½
Pub Serv E & G	27½	27½
Quaker Oats	32½	32½
Ralston Purina	65	64½
Raychem Corp	68½	68½
Raytheon	50½	49½
Reebok Intl	35½	35½
Reynolds Metals	53½	52½
Rockwell Intl	57½	53½
Rohm & Haas	61½	61½
Royal Dutch	150½	150½
Rubbermaid	28½	29½
SBC Comms	51	50½
Safeco Corp	34½	34
St Paul's Cos	51½	51½
Salomon Inc	43½	44
Sara Lee Corp	32½	32½
Schering Plough	57½	57½
Schlumberger	83½	82½
Seagram	33½	33½
Sears Roebuck	42½	43½
Shell Trans	86½	85½
Sherwin Wllms	46½	46½
Skyline Corp	25½	25½
Snap-On-Tools	44½	44½
Southern Co	23	23½
Sprint Corp	38½	38½
Stanley Works	29½	29½
Sun Company	25½	25½
Sun Microsys	57½	57½
Suntrust	38½	38½
Supervalu	28½	28½
Sysco Corp	31	30½
TRW Inc	93½	92½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	10½	10½
Tandy Corp	43½	43½
Teledyne	37½	37½
Temple Inland	49½	48½
Tenneco	50½	49½
Texaco	86½	86
Texas Inst	45½	46½
Texas Utilities	42½	42½
Textron	81	81
Time Warner	36½	36½
Times-Mirror A	42½	42½
Timken	37½	37½
Torchmark	43½	43½
Toys R Us	26½	27½
Transamerica	70½	70½
Travelers	44½	44½
Tribune	70½	70
Tyco Int	42½	42½
UST Inc	34½	34½
UAL	52½	52½
US Inds	24	23½
US West Comm	31	31½
USX Marathon	20½	20½
Unicom	24½	24½
Unilever NV	143½	143½
Union Camp	49½	49½
Union Carbide	41½	41½
Union Pacific	70½	69½
Unisys Corp	6½	6½
USAir Group	19½	19
USF&G Corp	16	16
US Life	30	30
United Tech	112½	112½
Unocal Corp	33½	33½
VF Corp	58½	58½
WMX Tech	31	30½
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	24½
Warner-Lambert	56½	56½
Wells Fargo	245½	244½
Westinghouse El	16½	16½
Weyerhaeuser	43½	43½
Whirlpool	50½	51
Whitman	22½	22½
Winn Dixie	35½	36
Woolworth	19½	19½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	53½	53½
Xerox	52½	52½
Yellow Corp	13½	13½

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Go to work with an egg-timer

GAVIN CASEY, the man who made his million at Smith New Court, made his debut as chief executive of the Stock Exchange yesterday. His 11-hour day included a tour of the building, lunch with John Kemp-Welch, the chairman, and meeting a myriad of new faces. But, along with a couple of pictures to hang on the walls of his new office, what most took Stock Exchange staff by surprise, was the foot-high egg-timer that Casey carried in under his arm. What some must have missed was the telling engraving — "Time is money".

Wrong number

IN THE long-running saga of Britain's changing telephone numbers, Don Cruickshank, the Director-General of Telecommunications, was at pains yesterday to make assurances that his new scheme would not involve callers from overseas dialling even longer numbers than they do already. "From France, they will call London on 00 44 20 followed by eight digits, instead of 00 44 171 followed by seven digits," he said. Signs of some consumer confusion here. Callers from France will not get through at all, unless they use France's prescribed code for international calls — 19 not 00.

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Landmark dates

AS GROUP chairman of HSBC, Sir William Purves naturally keeps a weather eye on the landmark Hong Kong handover date next year. But at HSBC's results conference yesterday, Sir William was quizzed on another landmark date — his 65th birthday on December 27 this year. "I note my passing birthdays, but coming so soon after Christmas my family have never noticed it," he rued. "If you, however, are talking about me hanging up my boots — when my colleagues tell me to go I'll go with alacrity."

High-flyer

PETER SMITH, chairman of Coopers & Lybrand, was celebrating his fiftieth birthday with his family in Bermuda yesterday, and musing on his next adventure. Smith, who learnt to fly during his student days at Southampton University, is taking to the sky in a vintage plane on September 1, to wave goodbye to John Fisher, a senior partner at Coopers. Fisher is heading for a world record — he will attempt to fly from London to Sydney in a 50-year-old Tiger Moth, covering 12,000 miles in 30 days. Smith has borrowed a vintage plane to send Fisher on his way.

THE legal eagles working on the Leeds United/Caspian case are obviously not George Michael fans. In fact, the eggheads from the High Court were rather bemused by a piece of evidence submitted by Edge & Ellison, Caspian's firm of lawyers. The cryptic evidence was an internal memorandum that came under "Tropicana", the deal codename for Caspian. "Club" was the codename given to Leeds United, and the bid itself was christened "Project Wham".

MORAG PRESTON

Peace pact with Oftel leaves BT free to talk about deals

Eric Reguly looks at the options for unregulated expansion

It is hard to imagine that any new executive has had a more hectic and feverish start than Sir Peter Bonfield. The former boss of ICL, became BT's chief executive in January and was told by Sir Iain Vallance, the chairman, that his first assignment would be negotiating a £35 billion merger with rival Cable and Wireless.

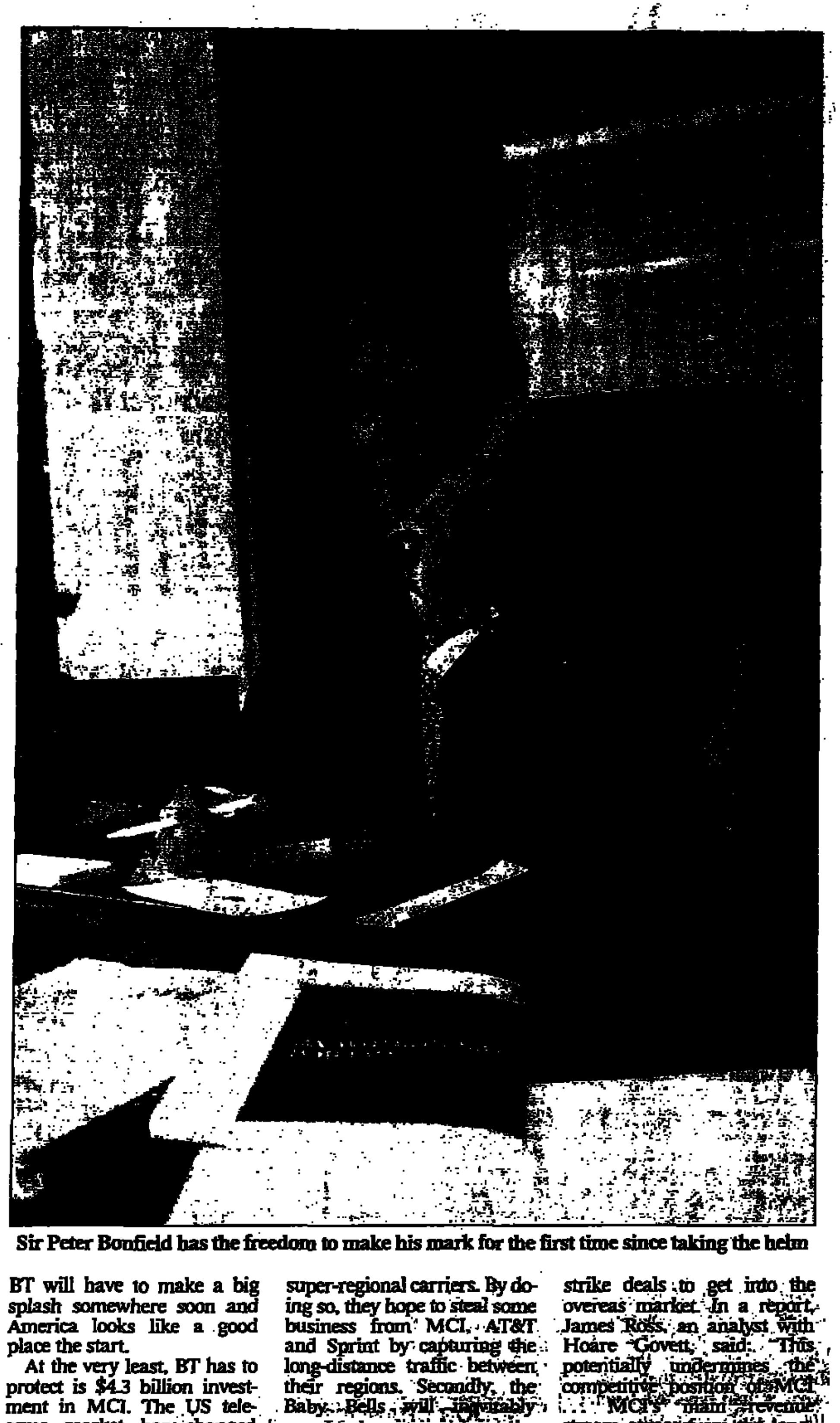
When the talks broke down in May, he immediately found himself trying to negotiate an equally trickly deal with Oftel, the telecommunications regulator. Sir Peter and Oftel finally made their peace on Friday. In what can only be described as a victory for Oftel, BT accepted a regulatory package that will see its prices continue to drop until 2001. Oftel also managed to convince BT to accept a clause that would allow it to stop any practices it considers anti-competitive.

Although the new regulatory regime is not to BT's liking, Sir Peter is probably secretly pleased with the outcome. Rejecting the regime would have automatically triggered a monopolies inquiry, a process that would have virtually paralysed BT for no less than six months and, in all likelihood, as long as a year. For the first time since January, Sir Peter now has the freedom to make his mark on BT. What are his options?

If nothing else, Oftel's largely successful offensive has impressed on Sir Peter that the sooner he reduces BT's exposure to the highly regulated and increasingly competitive UK market, the better. BT is becoming more international — it has alliances in several European countries and owns 20 per cent of MCI, America's second largest long-distance carrier — but its domestic operations still generate the bulk of its income. BT's European partnerships, such as Viag InterKom in Germany and Albacom in Italy, were only recently formed and will produce little or no income for some time.

BT, of course, will continue to develop overseas partnerships — France is the big hole in Europe — and will expand the reach of Concert, its international telecoms joint venture with MCI. BT is also thought to be holding talks with several potential partners in Japan in an effort to get on the map in Asia.

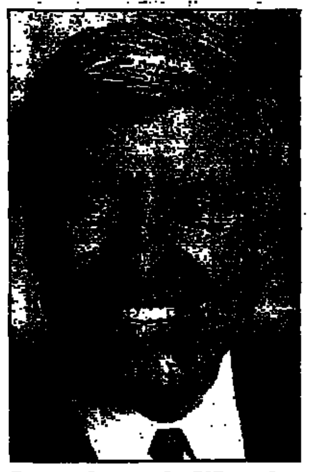
But none of these moves will dramatically alter BT's fortunes. Telecoms experts think BT will have to make a big splash somewhere soon and America looks like a good place the start.



Sir Peter Bonfield has the freedom to make his mark for the first time since taking the helm

At the very least, BT has to protect is $4.3 billion investment in MCI. The US telecoms market has changed radically since BT bought its MCI stake in 1993 and the upheaval does not necessarily work in MCI's favour. Then, MCI shared the long-distance and overseas market with AT&T and Sprint. The so-called Baby Bells, the regional phone companies that were hived off of AT&T in 1984, were shut out. The new Telecommunications Act has gone a long way to break down these barriers, meaning that local carriers, cable companies and long-distance operators can compete in each other's markets.

MCI will face pressure on two fronts. The Baby Bells are starting to merge, creating super-regional carriers. By doing so, they hope to steal some business from MCI, AT&T and Sprint by capturing the long-distance traffic between their regions. Secondly, the Baby Bells will inevitably strike deals to get into the overeas market. In a report, James Ross, an analyst with Hoare Govett, said: "This potentially undermines the competitive position of MCI . . . MCI's main revenue stream comes from the long-distance market and the company may require extra funding to meet the competitive challenge which it faces."



Brown: knows the US market

MCI has a variety of options. It may decide to buy or merge with a Baby Bell or — with a partner such as AT&T — build its own "local loop" network. Either way, BT would have to get involved. Because it is the main outside shareholder of MCI, it would have to back MCI's move into the local market and might have to stump up much of the funds to make it possible. Another scenario involves BT and MCI forming an alliance to enter the local market. It is thought that MCI and BT have held talks with Nynex and Bell Atlantic, the regional phone companies that recently merged to create an eastern seaboard telecoms giant, and Bell South.

During their shopping expedition, BT and MCI may run into Cable and Wireless. C&W's next move is also expected to be in the US, where it is widely expected to form an alliance or a partnership with a regional phone company.

Richard Brown, C&W's new chief executive, knows the US market well. He is an American and spent much of his career with Ameritech, the regional phone company in the Midwest. At the annual general meeting in June, Brian Smith, the chairman, said that strengthening the company's American presence was a "priority".

C&W might make an ideal overseas partner for any regional carrier with international ambitions because it has operations in more than 50 countries. C&W's large but low-profile US company, called C&W Inc, could be put into the mix to create a transatlantic force.

The main obstacles to the grand overseas ambitions of BT and C&W could be BT and C&W themselves. They may decide to put any big strategic moves on hold if there is any chance of resuming merger talks. The talks are officially dead, with each side privately blaming the other for their failure, but many of the executives and advisers who took part in the talks still believe that a marriage would create a world-beating force in telecoms.

Many of the hurdles had already been overcome. The general ownership structure had been agreed. It would have been done through a reverse takeover, in which C&W would have become the technical owner of BT. The structure would have preserved C&W's operating licences around the world. C&W also agreed in principle to sell its 80 per cent stake in Mercury Communications to avoid a monopolies problem in the UK.

Nonetheless, many obstacles remained. Valuation was a key problem. BT, which argued that C&W needed BT more than the other way round, was unwilling to value C&W shares at much of a premium. Another deal-killing obstacle was the indecision over which of the companies' German alliances should be sacrificed.

The share prices of both companies rose when they confirmed that they were in merger talks, and declined when they collapsed; C&W's fell farther. Unless Sir Peter and Mr Brown can bring out the value that each of them claims is hidden in their companies, do not be surprised if they go knocking on each other's doors again.

Power of the 'grey' pound

In the stampede to the nation's car showrooms to pick up gleaming new P-reg cars last week, a high proportion of grey-haired enthusiasts led the charge: pensioner-reg, perhaps. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders believes that a high proportion of private, rather than fleet, sales are to older consumers.

The proportion of sales of imported cars always goes up in August. This, the SMMT suggests, is because foreign manufacturers are much more attuned to the requirements of older customers: cars that are automatic, have power steering, and are economical on fuel.

The P-reg rush gives us two insights. One is the increasing power of the "grey pound". The other is that most companies and advertisers have not yet woken up to it. A few findings from the TGI Gold survey of the 50-plus market conducted by the British Market Research Bureau International gives a scale to the phenomenon. In Britain, 17.5 million are aged 50 or over, accounting for 38 per cent of the adult population. Between now and 2001, the number of over-50s is expected to grow 12 per cent. The average income of people over 50 is £14,047 a year — a total of £245 billion.

Saga, which has so successfully tapped the Third Age market in holidays and magazines, cites figures showing that households headed by persons someone over 50 spend £124.62 per person per week, while households headed by someone under 50 spend £112.64. All in all, households headed by 50-pluses spend £135 billion a year. Remember that these households are usually smaller, with children having flown the nest, and you get some idea of their combined spending power. Of course, it is important not to run away with the idea that our older generation is suddenly uniformly rich. As Age Concern says, only 1.3 per cent of people aged 65 or over are well off enough to pay tax at the highest rate and two thirds have an income too low to pay income tax at all. Those dependent purely on a state pension whose value has been whittled away are struggling badly.

But there is an increasing proportion who have been been able to add to their state pension over the years and, more importantly, who have opted to take out private, usually occupational, pensions. As the 1996 edition of *Social Trends* notes, recently retired pensioner units (either a single person over 65 or a couple where the husband is over state pension age) had a gross income of £220.50 a week in 1993 against £170.20 for all pensioners. Incomes are gradually improving because of the rise in occupational pensions and will continue to do so.

And yet older people are still discriminated against and ignored as a potential consumer market. Saga has pending an application for an FM radio station in London, targeted at this forgotten generation. As things now stand, most stations are devoted to the *yoof* audience and more than half of the over 50s do not currently listen to commercial radio as a result. What a huge potential market for advertisers.

Older people are still discriminated against and ignored as a potential consumer market

It must be one of the worst examples of misjudging one's market that many car hire firms have not been inclined to do business with those over 70, as Eric Reid, of The Association of Retired and Persons Over Fifty points out. Nor have pensioners found it easy to get credit cards (partly a problem with the 1974 Consumer Credit Act that has allowed companies to apply different criteria for those over 70).

And insurance company discrimination against older customers means that many of the valued customers who snapped up P-reg cars last week would not have been offered test drives. Peugeot, for example offered a 24-hour test drive on its 106, but not to anyone over 75. (Other companies have done the same). Mr Reid says many of his 100,000 members were furious. As the rest of us save any spare cash to pay for our own retirements (the State surely won't), advertisers, car companies and the rest ignore the grey pound at their peril.

Rachel Bridge says the lessons from Atlanta have been noted

Sydney starts its Olympic marathon

As the curtains came down on the Atlanta Games, businesses in Australia yesterday set off on a new Olympic marathon — the countdown to Sydney in four years' time.

Olympic protocol requires that a country may only begin actively marketing its own games once the previous games are over. With some A$400 million (£201 million) of sponsorship still to find, Australia was yesterday wasting little time in getting going. Company executives and tourism officials were already nervously comparing notes on what can be done to make things work more efficiently next time round.

Indeed, in a bid to avoid the transport and security problems that besieged Atlanta — not to mention the disaster of its high-tech computer system — Sydney plans to stage a trial run of the games some nine months before the real thing takes place. Bob Carr, the Premier of New South Wales, said: "We've got to give ourselves enough time so that we can make any fine-tuning necessary before the event."

Much of the framework for the games is already in place, with some 15 sporting venues already built. But the biggest test for the Sydney Olympic committee will be making sure that it gets all the numbers right on the day.

Tourism officals, for example, have spent the past few months giving warning that the city needs a further 5,000 hotel rooms at least in order to meet demand during the games. After their observations in Atlanta, however, organisers are questioning the wisdom of building developments that will be needed for just two weeks. The fund manager of Bankers Trust Hotel Group said: "We are not sure economic conditions justify new developments just for the Olympics."

The marathon in 2000 will cross Sydney's newly opened Glebe Island Bridge

The organisers have also taken note of the food requirements of the typical Olympic visitor — junk food and not quality restaurants were the order of the day in Atlanta. Michael Fischer, president of the New South Wales Restaurant and Catering Association, said: "I've eaten more burgers and hotdogs in the past ten days I've been here than I had before in my whole life. My body is saying 'what are you doing to me?'"

Sydney's tourist industry leaders are also re-evaluating their Olympic blueprint in the light of their experiences in Atlanta. These included being forced to make a last-minute change of hotel after discovering that the agent who had booked it had pocketed most of the money.

Indeed, the whole sobering Atlanta experience appears to have sent a shockwave through the business community down under. There have been calls for more taxis, more policemen, a speeding up of the construction programme and even government leadership to turn the whole event into a giant trade fair to showcase Australia's talents.

Michael Knight, New South Wales Olympics Minister, yesterday diplomatically gave the Atlanta games "eight out of ten", although he too said that in the light of his experiences there, there would be some "re-ordering of priorities".

For the organising committee, the challenge is on to find ten national sponsors prepared to stump up A$40 million apiece for the games. The committee admits this will be no mean feat. A spokesman said: "It is by far the biggest marketing exercise ever undertaken in Australia. It's a huge, huge request in a country which has just 18 million people."

IBM, the computer group whose new computer system so enlivened the Atlanta proceedings by awarding medals to non-participants and announcing world records that turned out not to be, is already on board as a A$50 million sponsor for the Sydney Games. It will once again be providing the key information systems for the event. It has promised to try to get a better grip on customer requirements by the time the year 2000 comes around.

Bank customers have to pay a high price for modern technology

From Geoffrey H. Lloyd

Sir, I have been arranging with my bank to repay a further instalment of the mortgage on our home. The same bank is also the mortgagee. When I received the redemption statement I was offered a choice of methods to repay the bank: first, by a process with the seemingly benign acronym of CHAPS (clearing house automated payment system), and secondly, by cheque.

In this (supposedly) technological age I considered that CHAPS was the logical option to go for: it is electronic and, therefore, fast; it removes the need for paper; the transaction was within the same bank; and the bank did not need to transfer money from an investment account to my current account to fund the cheque.

To opt for modern technology will cost me £20. To opt for the old fashioned and long, drawn out, process of cheque clearance will cost me only a first-class stamp, 26p. I have chosen the latter.

It was explained to me that the CHAPS charge was due to increased computer time and increased handling costs, including the time of the departmental manager to authorise the transaction!

We have been led to believe that more computer technology, with consequential large staff savings, was going to lead to lower costs. In turn, this was going to lead to greater efficiencies and lower charges to customers, especially if customers were prepared to co-operate over electronic transfers.

Are the banks really interested in embracing modern technology?

Yours sincerely,
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Investors must vote for change of auditor

From D. F. Murray

Sir, With reference to articles on limited liability audit. Shareholders and investors in proposed limited liability audit clients are being offered accounts which the auditors consider to be unreliable.

Therefore, with the assistance of institutions, shareholders and investors must vote for a change of auditor, firstly for a peer review and then for the restoration of their right to published annual financial statements that are objective and reliable.

Yours sincerely,
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Equities rise in dull trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	Allied Domecq	447	- 5	6.6	16.9
625	500	Bulmer (HP)†	594	..	2.8	19.9
131	96	Burn Stewart	107		6.2	21.8
775	615	Glenmorangie A	765		2.0	19.6
464	411	Grand Met†	449	+ 3	4.2	19.1
493	435	Guinness	473	+ 3	3.9	15.4
378	315	Highland Distl	373		2.7	17.8
195	150	MacAllan-Glen	153		1.2	31.4
803	655	Matthew Clark†	669	- 11	4.5	31.9
141	93	Merrydown Wt	130		4.7	
2612½	1706¼	SA Breweries	1762½		2.1	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3665¼	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3584¾	- 9¾	3.9	12.2
663	528	Abbey Nat	595	- 3	4.6	11.2
385	315	Allied Irish	361	+ 2	5.0	10.3
336	285	Aus New Z	324	+ 6	5.7	8.0
5443¾	3843¾	Bank America	5443¾	+131¼		
316	227½	Bank Scotland	239½	+ 3½	3.6	10.1
846	683	Barclays	845	+ 8	3.8	11.0
488	413	Bk of Ireland†	467	+ 2	4.1	
482	379	Cater Allen†	424	+ 1	8.8	12.6
5637½	4031¼	Citicorp†	5637½	+243¾		
392	318	Close Bros	331		3.4	14.7
£157¾	£131½	Commerzbk	£151¼	- 6¾	3.5	
1350	1065¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1112½	+ 3¼	0.5	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	3306¼	- 18¾	2.4	
803¾	593¼	Espirito Santo	762½		4.7	10.2
1507	1239	Fuji Bank Y	1257½	- 2¾	0.4	
472	337	Gerrard Nat	338		8.5	10.7
252	196	Hambros†	229	+ 3	3.9	
1169	931	HSBC	1164	+ 48	4.1	10.9
1135	930	HSBC HK	1128	+ 41	4.2	11.9
421	385	Irish Perm	403		3.2	11.0
177	143	King Shaxson	165	- 2	6.8	14.3
455	413	Leopold J	413	- 5	6.1	14.4
354½	294½	Lloyds TSB†	341½	- 8½	4.4	14.5
640	566	Nat Aust Bk	598	+ 4	7.2	7.7
711	605½	Nat West†	642	- 3½	5.2	9.2
66	50	Rea Brothers	50		2.5	24.0
596	468	Ryl Bk Scot	497		4.3	11.0
1380	1185	Schroders	1275	5	1.6	17.7
1128	890	Schroders N/V	968		2.1	13.5
122	97½	Singer & Fried	108	- ½	4.6	8.9
696	547	Stand Chart	683	+ 12	2.0	15.1
105	85½	Union	100	+ 2	3.8	
£174¼	£131¾	Wells Fargo†	£158¼	+425	2.1	
329½	264	Westpac	298	+ 2¼	4.7	
360	308	Wintrust	358		4.5	

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
90	36	Alamo Sm Hc	70	+ 32		5.9
387	263	Ascot Hldgs	378	+ 5		12.0
839	702	Bass	838	+ 13	3.5	17.8
70	40	Brit for the Bdr	41		5.0	10.7
177	161	Burtonwood Brwy	167		4.1	15.1
126½	92	City Centre Rest	123½		2.3	23.3
621	463	Compass Gp	595	- 2	1.8	26.4
265	190	Eldridge P A'c	258		2.3	23.8
540	413	Fuller Smi A'Ct	528	- 2	2.2	18.0
636	546	Greenalls Grp	564	+ 4	3.2	15.3
671	567½	Greene King▼	621	+ 3	3.1	
285	224	Grosvenor Inns	227		3.2	
259	204	Groupe Chez Ger	225		1.4	22.8
357	299	Hardy Hanson†	303	- 2	4.2	11.3
3475	3050	Hall J	3075		2.3	16.7
72	45	Inn Business	64		1.1	30.0
355	313	Mansfield†	322	1	2.3	15.7
353½	275	Marston Thmp†	293		3.1	12.0
673	535	Morland	565		2.7	17.1
150	118	My Kinda Town	149		2.5	14.7
7¼	4½	Pasamount	7		3.9	11.2
170	123	Pelican Grp†	168½		1.5	
438	217	PizzaExpress	433	+ 11	0.7	44.9
438	345	Ramsdens (H)†	345		1.8	36.2
255	138¼	Regent Inns	213	+ 4	0.9	31.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
568	426	Dawsons	539		3.3	16.8
25	18	Bridgend Gp	25		1.0	
113	76	Brit Fittings	100		4.5	13.7
290	245	Caffyns	285		5.0	22.6
160	105	Caverdale	150	- 3	2.9	9.7
107½	78	Charles Sidney	96		4.9	13.5
79	54½	Cook (DC)	70	- 1	3.8	
404¾	276¼	Cowie A	374	- 2	3.6	12.8
175	120½	Dag Motors	145		6.6	10.1
163	125¾	Desmarc Et	138		7.4	13.8
434	328	Diploma	336	+ 3	5.4	11.8
407	328	Electrocomponts†	364	- 4	2.3	23.3
314	172	Eurodis Elec	190		3.3	
134	65	Eurodollar†	101		5.1	15.1
105	78	European Mrt	93		7.0	10.5
375	285	Evans Halshaw	308		6.7	11.2
67	48	Fife Indmar	50		8.2	6.9
338	248	Finelist Grp	279	+ 1	2.5	16.4
30¼	16½	Gardiner	29		3.8	11.5
76	33½	Glenchewton	74½	+ 4½	1.5	54.7
91	78	Goodings	78		4.4	11.9
282	216	Harris (Philip)	265		3.9	19.9
293	200½	Headlam	278		2.2	22.1
200	132	Holders Tech†	178		4.2	16.7
190	153	ISA Intl	184		1.7	16.7
316	231	Inchcape	265	+ 1	4.3	
60	33	Jacks (Wm)	48		4.6	18.6
248	169	Kwik-Fit	244	+ 3	2.6	17.7
389	299	Lex Service†	356	+ ¼	5.4	11.4
155	119	Lookers	133		7.7	7.6
17	10½	Malaga Grp	12		6.9	12.4
9¼	6½	MiddlesexC	7	+ ¼	1.4	11.2
47	31	Midstates	40		0.8	
565	440	Norhand	500		1.9	14.6
349	230	Northamber	272	+ 6	1.0	10.0
162	108	PCT	125		7.7	12.1
341	272	Pendragon	315	+ 1	3.6	16.0
211	145	Perry Gp	186		5.4	11.1
745	602	Premier Farnell	614	+ 5	2.2	16.4
190	135	Quicks Group	188		4.2	15.7
315	185	REA†	273		1.3	34.7
3	2	Reece	2¾			
61	35	Ranson	36	- 1	5.3	10.8
4½	2	Ross Gp	3¼			
56	46½	SEP Ind	51		4.1	10.9
195	120	Sallire	143		0.9	19.1
373	16	Time Products	329		3.8	
41	30	Toms Hire	34		4.7	17.8
223	173	UMECO†	208		2.6	18.3
332¼	263½	Vardy (Reg)▲	308		2.7	
422	325	Wholesale Fitgs	422	+ 2	3.9	
59	25¼	Wilshaw	29½		3.7	7.8
143	78	Wyko	140		1.6	
133	104	Young (H)	118		4.2	10.9

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1¼	0¾	Anglo Utd	1			
389	288	Antofagasta	311		2.1	10.5
1056	804	Broken Hill	847	+ 8	3.0	18.8
340	229	BTR	247	+ 1	7.4	10.3
586	471	BAT	513½	- 3½	6.1	9.9
224	173½	Berisford Intl	177	+ 1	2.5	12.8
134	108	Bibby (J)	123		6.1	8.9
64	50¾	Brierley Inv	63¾		7.3	3.3
972	813	Charter	814	- 2	4.2	12.1
328	247½	Cookson	261	- 2	3.8	13.7
193	141	Cosalt†	180		6.3	11.4
283	204	DCC	268		3.2	10.6
140	113	Grampian Hdg	125		6.1	13.9
220	151¾	Hanson	157	+ 1½	9.6	7.3
172½	127	Hanson Crsfld	127	+ 3	8.9	12.3
439¼	379½	Hutch Whamp	399	- ½	2.0	21.3
563½	389¼	Jardine Math	425¼	- 3¼	3.8	
217½	162	Lonrho†	167	+ 4	3.6	19.9
191	164	McLeod Russel	171	- 1	4.8	14.7
478	368	Powell Duffryn†	422	+ 4	7.4	
146	120	Ropner	125		8.2	9.5
181	155	Sime Darby	179		2.7	16.2
232	184	Stanley†	189	+ 1	6.0	12.7
230	156	Suter	216		5.9	13.1
358	268	TT Group	310½		2.6	15.9
294½	232½	Tomkins	268	+ 7	4.8	13.8
295	190	Undare	195		11.2	6.7
474	365	Wardle Storeys	442	- 6	5.2	20.0

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
299	200	Quadramatic	262		4.2	15.2
18	14½	Quadrant Grp	15		2.1	41.9
65	62	Radiant Metal	65			
68	53	Ransomes†	58	+ 1	1.1	14.1
83	59½	Record	68		6.8	12.4
324	231	Renold†	280		2.4	13.9
36	13	Richards Group	15	+ 1	18.8	
89	76	Richardson West	77		5.9	8.9
246	187	Rolls-Royce	222	+ 2	2.8	26.5
258	171	Rotork	252	+ 3	3.2	20.7
192	160	Rubicon	178		4.3	

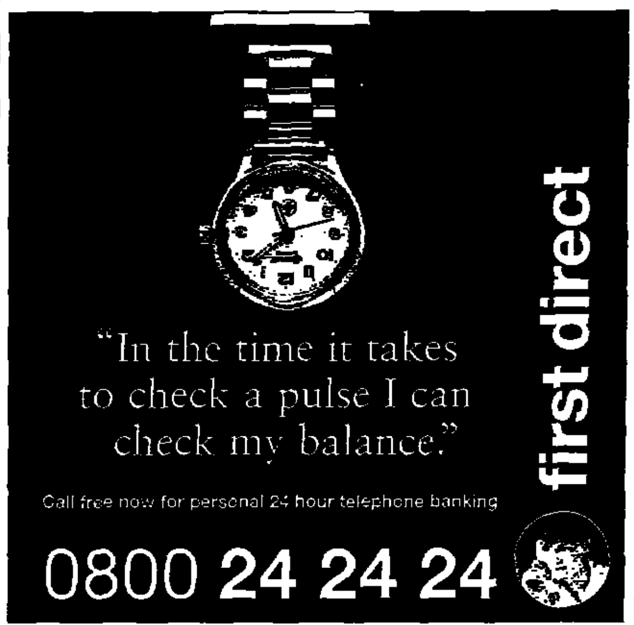
1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
77¾	67	Brazilian	72½		2.2	
291	259	Brunner†	267	+ 3½	2.8	42.5
132	113	BZW Conv	123½	+ 1½	7.9	15.5
523	468	Candover	491	+ 6	3.4	29.5
68	39	Central Euro Gwth	62	+ ½	0.9	
220	177	Contl Assets	219		1.7	
75	62	Danae Inv Inc†	62½		16.5	
390	325	Derby Cap	345	- 3		
160	141	Derby Inc	149		20.5	7.1
744	654	Dunedin Inc G	698	+ 11	4.9	24.4
98	80	Dunedin Japan	81			
372	314	Dunedin Smlr	339	+ 1	3.3	43.6

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
31	15	Mercury Wld Wts	18	+ ½		
615	567	Monks Inv Tst	595	- 6	2.0	45.6
170½	151	Morg Gren Inc	159½	+ 1½	3.9	37.0
70½	43	Morg Wts	57½	+ 1¼		
78½	57¾	Morg Lat Amer	71	+ 1	0.5	
32	20	Morg Wts	24½	+ ¼		
131	111	Murray Eur▼	123		2.5	46.5
24	17	Murray Eur Wts	17			
95	82	Murray Emg Eco	84	+ ¼	1.4	76.0
35½	21	Murray Em Ec Wt	23½	- ½		
67	54	Murray Euro	63		0.7	
392	338	Murray Income	354	+ 3	4.7	

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	75	City of Lon	81		7.8	11.9
138	90	Cordiant	120	- 2		
1731¼	1300	Daily Mail	1462½		1.6	35.8
1668¾	1168¾	Daily Mail A	1318¾			32.1
646	495	Dorling Kind	502		1.9	35.6
725	530	EMAP†	670	5	2.1	29.3
1091	845¼	Elsevier	1018½	- 17¼	2.5	24.6
1338	1030	Euromoney Plc	1302		2.2	24.9
43½	19	Fitch	38½	- ½		13.9
535	440	Flextech	475			
251	198	GGT Group	219		3.4	
259¾	174	GWR Grp†	204		1.5	37.2

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
110½	93½	HTR Jap Smaller	104	+ ½		
16	9	IBS Ent	12			
147	114	IBS UK Smls	138	+ 2	2.6	31.6
148	129	Inv Capt	136½	+ ¾	4.9	24.2
157	101	Intl Biotech	119	+ 4	1.1	
70	31	Intl Wts	41	+ 2		
115	95	[illegible]	101	+ 2		
114	93¼	INVESCO Asia	97	+ ¾	0.8	
65	43	INVESCO Blue	43½		24.1	4.5
181	135	INVESCO Eng Int	167	+ 1	0.7	56.3
92	75½	INVESCO Jap Dis	85		0.4	

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
86	50	Cliveden	78	- 2	2.6	15.1
85	55	Clubhaus	70			
251	163	Eurocamp†	164		8.4	7.9
308	139	Euro Disney	157			
183	148	Euro Leisure	167			4.6
19	13	Famingford	13½			
86	49½	First Choice	61		8.1	
400	345	First Leisure	357	+ 4	2.8	20.6
180	142	Friendly Hotels†	164		4.3	21.9
879	619	Granada†	840	+ 6	1.8	20.3
57	25	Hi-Tec Sports	37			14.9



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137	108	INVESCO Korea	110			
63½	52	INVESCO Tokyo	56¼	+ ¾		
95½	65½	J Fry 2nd Ut	65½	- ¾	13.1	
79	68	J Fry Euro U	74		7.5	13.5
260	224	JF Fledg Jap	244	+ 1½		
88	74	Jupiter Eu Inc†	78	+ 2	12.5	8.5
7	4	Jupiter Eu IncW	6			
83	70	Jupiter Grd Cap	75	+ 1	13.3	9.4
29	24½	Jupiter Grd Pfd	27			
138	108	Jupiter Intl Grn	119		3.9	
282	252	Klwt Chtt	276	+ 3	2.5	48.7
130	110	Klwt E Wtu	115			

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
207	148	Hornby†	206		2.7	
563	423	Hazlewds	486		2.3	17.8
292	201	Jurys Hotel†	252¾		3.2	
31½	23¾	Kunick	26		3.1	21.9
207	143	Ladbroke	190	- 2	3.9	29.5
292	212½	London Clubs▼	292	+ 6½	3.3	19.4
489	188	Man Utd	441	- 7	1.3	14.3
96¼	77¼	Mandarin Orntl	91¼		3.9	19.7
345	278	Millennium & Cop	305	+ 1	1.9	
142	89	Northern	136		4.0	14.3
146	114	Prism Leisure†	143		5.0	

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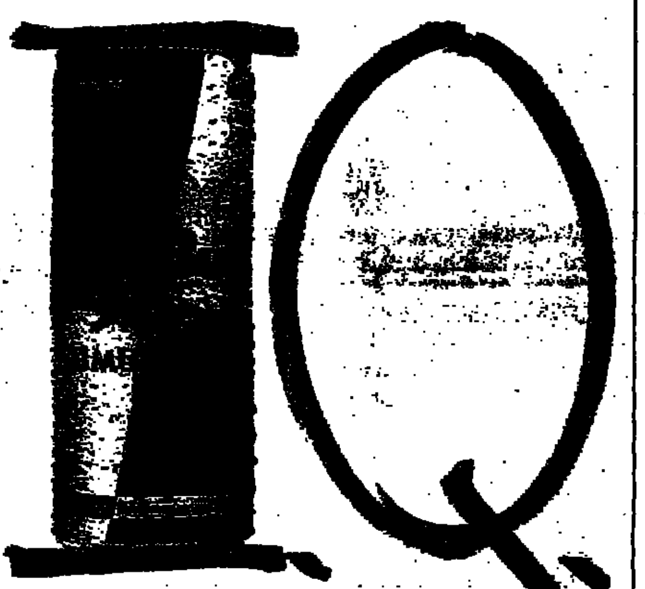
	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 01865 259 783				
Grofund Amer	215.20	227.80	+ 4.50	0.12
Grofund Equity	274.70	292.20	+ 3.90	1.49
Grofund Euro	269.80	285.30†	+ 4.10	0.57
Grofund Expt Bal	129.80	134.50		2.82
Grofund Gilt	74.53	77.00†	+ 0.16	8.70
Grofund Japan	179.58	190.00	- 0.40	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	653.20	694.90	+ 7.80	2.49
General Inc	554.90	590.40	+ 6.40	2.49
UK Growth Acc	443.30	471.70	+ 5.50	2.09
UK Growth Inc	291.10	309.70	+ 3.60	2.09
Higher Inc Acc	786.10	836.30	+ 8.10	4.18
Higher Inc Inc	428.80	456.20	+ 4.40	4.18
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	210.80	222.70	+ 1.00	5.55
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	94.61	99.94	+ 0.43	5.55
Nth America	368.20	389.60	+ 7.10	
Europe	362.40	385.60	+ 4.90	0.34
Brit Excell	87.99	93.61	+ 1.02	7.88
Brit Fxdnts Acc	113.20	120.50	+ 1.20	4.76
Brit Fxdnts Inc	77.57	82.53	+ 0.78	4.76
Global Opps	104.20	110.90	+ 1.10	0.09
Balanced Acc	62.78	66.79	+ 0.61	2.84
Balanced Inc	59.30	63.18	+ 0.56	2.84
Japan Acc	47.77	50.82	+ 0.81	
Pac Basin Acc	407.60	433.70	+ 5.20	0.85
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	130.00	137.80	+ 0.30	7.08
High Inc Equity	180.50	193.00†	+ 1.90	4.47
Worldwide Bond	289.10	306.50†	+ 0.50	4.80
American Growth	367.40	393.20	+ 6.80	0.32
Asian Pacific	329.00	351.80	+ 2.30	0.64
Assets & Earnings	296.40	317.00	+ 2.80	2.85
Eurp Capital Acc	186.20	198.10	+ 3.00	0.80
Extra Inc	43.66	46.47†	+ 0.15	7.71
General	280.70	299.90†	+ 2.90	3.06
Global Opps	68.45	72.82	+ 0.74	0.55
Japan	125.00	133.70	- 0.20	
Managed Inc	48.07	51.14†	+ 0.34	4.09
Mastertrust	167.30	178.90	+ 1.40	1.02
US Emerging Cos	203.90	216.90	+ 4.80	
Ethical	79.08	84.13	+ 0.41	2.53
International	138.50	148.40	+ 1.50	0.79
Dividend & Growth	67.23	71.52†	+ 0.80	4.29
Global Gvth & Sec	73.26	78.28	+ 0.08	2.34
Latin America	65.71	69.90	+ 1.63	
Capital Reserve	144.80	144.80		4.83
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2282.00	2376.80		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	56.72	60.98	+ 0.80	0.50
Emerging Mkts	73.58	77.57†	+ 0.80	0.04
European	153.50	159.60	+ 2.00	
Exempt	1077.00	1140.00†	+ 2.00	1.63
Extra Income #	45.22	48.51	+ 0.17	6.62
Far East Emrg Eco	131.80	139.70†	+ 1.30	0.45
Fixed Interest #	24.66	25.64†	+ 0.07	9.40
Fund Inv Tst	147.80	156.20†	+ 0.30	3.09
Japan	190.50	198.10†	- 0.20	
Latin American	80.21	82.77†	+ 1.36	0.78
Pacific	86.31	90.83	+ 0.84	0.29
Property Share	68.30	71.69†	+ 0.44	2.45
UK Emerging Cos	71.86	77.70†	+ 0.15	1.24
UK Growth	52.12	55.87	+ 0.72	2.13
Aber World Port #	81.06	82.72	+ 1.81	1.99
Ethical	75.97	79.81	+ 0.54	2.25
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.87	50.87	+ 0.06	7.30
For AEGON see Matheson				
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0171 256 5966				
Resdl Property #	96.48	103.60		5.08
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	89.20	94.64	+ 0.79	2.38
Income Builder Inc	78.57	83.59†	+ 0.78	4.45
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	277.30	296.40	+ 1.50	3.14
Capital	487.40	521.80	+ 3.20	1.21
Balanced	799.00	854.10	+ 5.00	2.44
Accumulator	1536.00	1641.00†	+ 8.00	1.90
Income Trusts				
American Income	59.99	64.04†	+ 0.78	2.49
High Income	449.10	480.00	+ 2.50	3.84
Equity Income	250.20	267.40†	+ 1.50	3.86
High Yield	271.00	289.60	+ 1.60	4.15
Govt Securities	34.14	36.04	+ 0.09	8.06
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	205.80	219.60	+ 2.50	0.05
European Growth	54.02	57.64†	...	0.07
International	190.00	203.00†	+ 1.20	0.11
Japan	215.80	230.60†	+ 0.30	...
Pacific	425.50	454.80†	+ 4.40	
Secs of America	565.30	603.60	+ 8.90	0.13
Wrlde Asset Val	57.06	60.99	+ 0.27	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	617.80	660.40	+ 3.80	2.87
Conv & Gilt	47.46	50.73†	+ 0.16	4.27
Smaller Cos	206.30	220.50†	- 0.10	1.01
2nd Smaller Cos	196.80	210.10	- 0.20	0.88
Recovery	165.10	176.40†	+ 0.80	1.80
Met Min & Cdty	165.90	177.00	+ 1.90	0.18
Oseas Earnings	412.80	441.20†	+ 1.90	1.10
Technology	222.40	237.70	+ 5.00	...
UK Special Sits	564.40	603.30	+ 2.30	1.04
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Caledel Ord Pens	114.50	118.90	...	3.04
Founder Pepl Pens	88.32	78.97	...	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0099				
Capital	81.06	86.26†	+ 1.13	1.01
International	66.40	70.64†	...	...
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	330.40	353.80	+ 3.00	...
Bond	116.70	122.90†	+ 0.50	6.82
Brit Smlr Cos	118.70	122.99	+ 0.59	1.81
Conv & Gen #	68.77	73.16†	+ 0.03	5.35
Europe	285.40	302.60	+ 2.90	0.58
Euro Smlr Cos	126.10	134.10	+ 0.80	0.59
Income Gwth	366.10	389.50	+ 1.20	4.44
Japan	334.40	355.70	- 0.70	...
Latin American	85.86	91.24	+ 1.83	0.84
Pacific	115.40	122.80	+ 0.40	1.21
UK Smlr Cos	59.13	62.90	+ 0.10	1.25
Japan Fd	680.60	719.90	- 3.00	...
Mngd Fd	200.10	212.40	+ 1.28	2.85
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Gilt & Oseas	357.10	377.70	...	0.84
Capital Gwth	124.40	131.60	...	2.92
Wrlde Opps	213.90	226.30	...	0.81
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bist Inv Fd Inc	415.70	443.40	+ 0.50	2.53
European Bd Inc	95.58	98.91†	+ 0.32	6.83
Exempt	80.48	85.82	+ 1.11	3.61
500	503.50	550.30	+ 2.80	2.43
General	319.50	342.20	+ 4.50	2.62
Property	240.40	257.80		5.57
Trustee	218.30	233.70†	+ 2.80	2.47
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	109.40	109.40†	...	4.98
Distribution @#	111.60	112.20	+ 0.90	5.20
Extra Income #	134.50	143.08	+ 1.30	4.88
Gilt & Fxd Int	59.29	60.33	+ 0.22	7.92
Income #	573.00	612.80†	+ 6.40	4.82
Income Builder #	68.48	73.05	+ 0.59	5.51
Intl Income	70.19	74.67†	+ 0.74	2.89
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	136.70	145.90†	+ 0.40	2.11
FTSE 100	97.14	103.90	+ 1.10	2.75
Leisure	172.60	184.60	+ 1.50	0.73
Recovery	480.90	514.40	+ 4.30	2.75
Smllr Cos Inc	57.29	61.43†	+ 0.20	2.19
Special Sits	378.50	404.80	+ 4.70	0.74
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	168.50	180.30	+ 3.10	0.13
Aust Acc	276.80	295.50	+ 2.30	1.83
Aust Inc	165.40	176.70	+ 1.40	1.83
Euro Gwth Inc	192.20	204.20	+ 3.00	0.48
-do- Accum	207.50	220.50	+ 3.20	0.48
Japan & Gen Inc	156.80	165.80	- 0.40	...
-do- Accum	158.40	167.80	- 0.30	..
Japan Spec Sits	73.77	78.15	+ 0.18	...
Worldwide	197.80	210.00†	+ 2.20	0.46
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	128.60	136.80	+ 2.20	..
Amer Smlr Cos	169.50	173.50	+ 4.80	...
Convertibles	59.32	63.63†	+ 0.32	4.70
Eastern	298.90	321.40	+ 2.20	0.30
Equity Income	94.92	101.60†	+ 0.90	4.40
European Growth	365.60	389.80	+ 3.40	0.89
Europe	358.70	381.20	+ 4.30	0.80
German Growth	89.22	94.40	+ 0.64	0.50
Global Bond	70.36	74.03†	+ 0.24	6.50
Global Growth	147.00	156.40	+ 1.90	0.40
Japan Growth	202.30	215.70	+ 0.80	...
Japan Sunrise	171.50	182.50	+ 0.10	...
Korea Trust	70.87	76.52	- 0.80	...
Portfolio	143.70	153.80	+ 1.80	2.30
-do- Accum	269.10	288.10	+ 3.10	2.30
UK Growth	99.97	107.40†	+ 0.90	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	98.18	104.60	+ 0.40	2.50
Select Managers	87.92	94.35	+ 0.82	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	89.47	95.18†	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	60.04	63.87†	...	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	136.57	144.52	+ 1.81	1.38
-do- Accum	157.37	166.53	+ 2.09	1.38
Smaller Cos	148.72	155.26	- 3.75	0.49
Higher Yield #	55.19	58.41†	+ 0.65	3.83
American Gth Inc	94.36	99.85†	+ 2.26	..
European Growth	167.43	177.20	+ 3.08	..
-do- Accum	170.82	180.75	+ 3.75	...
Global Bond Inc #	26.03	27.58	+ 0.05	6.32
Mngd Pfolio Inc	52.49	55.52	+ 0.60	1.34
-do- Accum	54.08	57.22	+ 0.71	1.34
Int Spec Opps	165.09	174.70	+ 2.53	..
Pacific Grth	143.82	152.19	- 1.50	..
UK General #	91.57	96.90†	+ 1.09	2.77
-do- Accum #	97.97	103.67	+ 1.17	2.77
Japan	80.78	84.39†	- 0.11	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	100.30	103.94	+ 0.41	8.64
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	68.13	65.98	+ 0.09	8.53
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Environ	186.00	195.80	+ 1.10	1.85
UK Growth	201.10	211.70†	+ 2.10	2.16
UK Income	145.10	152.70	+ 1.20	4.55
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD 01707 422 100				
Can Gen Dist	228.80	242.50†	+ 3.40	1.83
-do- Income Dist	121.80	128.20	+ 1.60	3.87
-do- Accum	391.10	414.50	+ 4.90	3.87
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.20	42.35	+ 0.15	6.42
Growth Units	244.40	261.40	+ 3.80	2.08
Bond	177.80	186.30	+ 0.70	7.10
Intl Growth	249.60	264.60	+ 1.90	0.29
North American	252.60	268.20†	+ 5.80	0.24
Far East	307.00	328.30†	+ 4.10	0.71
UK Smaller Cos	221.70	227.10	+ 0.40	0.93
European	98.69	104.60†	+ 1.20	0.66
Japanese Growth	49.12	52.15	+ 0.19	..
High Income	213.90	228.80	+ 2.90	4.31
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7439 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	217.70	230.90	+ 3.10	..
European Inc	94.15	99.76†	+ 0.12	0.51
Smaller Cos (4-1)	106.50	113.40	+ 0.80	1.53
Growth	526.70	560.40	+ 5.00	1.82
Income & Growth #	441.30	469.50†	+ 4.00	4.06
-do- Accum #	667.10	709.70	+ 6.10	4.06
Japan & Gen	70.72	75.02	+ 0.06	..
Master Portfolio	£116.18	£120.04†	+131.00	2.04
-do- Accum	£142.87	£147.62	+161.00	2.04
Special Sits	128.30	138.00†	+ 0.40	1.90
High Yield	£14.45	£14.90	+13.00	4.49

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
[illegible] Portfolio	98.98	105.02†	+ 1.40	2.40
American Portfolio	120.87	128.27	+ 0.76	0.86
European Portfolio	133.90	143.01	- 0.26	0.82
High Income	91.21	94.33†	+ 0.26	7.16
Japanese Portfolio	70.72	75.15†	- 0.02	..
Pacific Portfolio	158.03	168.70	+ 1.78	1.49
UK Equity	95.98	102.57	+ 1.36	3.19
UK Equity & Bal	57.87	60.46	+ 0.44	6.91
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	732.25	743.29		4.43
Fxd Int Sec	154.81	155.23	...	8.21
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	724.71	726.97		4.53
Investment Acc	233.00	239.53		
Fixed Int Inc	125.08	125.88	.	10.82
Fixed Int Acc	222.80	223.59	..	...
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Buchanan Intl	88.40	93.41	..	3.07
Buck Bio-Tech	39.80	42.02†	...	
Aquas Ethical Tst	177.85	186.77		0.48
City Fin Assets	81.22	85.29	+ 4.16	1.97
City Fin America	104.80	110.14		
City Fin Intl	87.81	92.21	...	0.47
City Fin Japan	159.85	168.72		
Friars Hse Cap	314.80	334.35†	+ 8.44	2.53
Friars Hse Inc	197.52	210.13	+ 2.60	3.90
Buckley Wld Gth	138.45	145.76	...	
J Ski Inc/Gth Inc	54.11	56.82†	...	3.09
Shaw Utilities	67.59	58.00	+ 0.40	6.21
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	87.31	88.81†	+ 0.20	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0345 772 233				
American Gwth	78.28	83.22	+ 1.00	...
Dragon Growth	72.30	77.21	+ 0.63	0.38
Equity High Inc	88.05	94.00	+ 1.21	4.24
-do- Accum	120.00	160.38	+ 1.72	4.24
Extra Income Inc	26.30	27.98†	+ 0.08	7.57
Extra Income Acc	28.41	30.60	+ 0.10	7.57
European Gwth	82.45	87.33	+ 0.85	0.94
Evergreen	32.33	34.57	+ 0.21	...
General Equity	102.75	108.60	+ 1.40	3.06
Japan Growth	52.85	58.84	- 0.07	
Pedigree Gwth	82.85	88.65	+ 0.79	2.39
Pad Sm Cos Inc	37.96	40.38	+ 0.23	1.48
-do- Accum	40.21	42.78	+ 0.25	1.48
Retirement Inc #	27.29	29.03	+ 0.38	5.87
Special Sits	46.21	48.16	+ 0.30	2.35
UK & Overseas	58.80	62.70	+ 0.61	0.78
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 888 000				
Balanced	88.84	92.92	+ 0.87	4.12
Capital	81.26	84.64	+ 0.98	2.32
High Income	50.61	52.71†	+ 0.23	7.19
Top 50	54.80	58.87	+ 0.72	2.15
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	187.80	195.82	+ 0.98	4.70
Long Gilt	42.57	44.32†	+ 0.28	6.35
Monthly Inc Plus	48.77	50.80	+ 0.16	8.82
Preference Share	46.80	48.54†	+ 0.11	8.83
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	138.85	144.43†	+ 4.18	5.91
Managed Fund	76.21	79.30	+ 0.80	2.70
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	50.64	52.86	+ 0.40	1.79
-do- Accum	60.18	62.60	+ 0.47	1.79
UK & General	94.41	98.34	+ 1.17	2.82
-do- Accum	122.44	127.54	+ 1.52	2.82
UK Growth	185.82	193.56	+ 2.29	1.45
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	216.28	225.27	+ 2.63	0.64
Far Eastern Gth	138.85	144.84	+ 1.13	0.02
Global Bond	83.39	86.86	+ 0.31	5.71
Japan Growth	119.01	123.97	+ 1.42	...
North Amer Gth	233.13	242.84	+ 4.06	...
Oriental Growth	84.57	88.09	+ 1.07	0.26
Worldwide Growth	75.07	78.13	+ 0.81	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.80	92.80	+ 0.04	5.18
Homeowner Fund	90.96	95.77	+ 1.06	1.56
Orillion Fund	150.52	160.13†	+ 1.98	1.95
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	34.49	36.80†	..	4.55
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	174.80	186.00	+ 0.40	1.90
Income	69.85	74.31†	+ 0.31	4.89
European	75.31	80.12	+ 0.84	0.82
Recovery	184.00	195.70	+ 1.80	2.13
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	927.80	942.80	.	2.56
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	108.10	115.00	+ 0.30	1.13
Income #	282.30	300.30	+ 2.90	4.21
-do- Accum #	736.80	786.80	+ 7.50	4.21
Smaller Cos	227.70	242.20†	+ 0.40	0.89
-do- Accum	282.70	300.70†	+ 0.40	0.89
Gilt Portfolio	99.36	105.70†	+ 1.80	1.61
High Inc Port #	81.30	86.57	+ 0.86	4.39
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 470 1834				
Euro Small Cos	1682.80	1743.80	..	...
Japan Small Cos	1254.90	1279.50	...	...
UK Small Cos	2139.10	2226.80	...	2.77
US Small Cos	2040.40	2086.20	...	0.89
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	226.10	238.00	...	3.07
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	164.20	174.60	+ 2.80	1.85
UK High Inc Inc	172.50	183.50	+ 2.00	3.88
-do- Accum	233.10	247.80	+ 2.80	3.88
UK Prof & F I Inc	58.49	62.06	+ 0.20	5.96
Environmtl Opps	97.67	103.90	+ 0.80	0.96
UK Smlr Cos #	66.44	70.66	+ 0.16	0.80
Extra Income Inc	48.05	51.11†	+ 0.25	8.18
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 080 526				
American	175.80	186.20	+ 3.30	0.43
Convertible #	22.13	23.51	+ 0.10	5.86
Equity Income #	141.00	149.80	+ 1.20	4.01
EuroFund	63.94	67.89	+ 0.19	0.58
Financial	54.22	57.61	+ 0.72	1.58
Growth & Inc #	279.90	297.40†	+ 2.70	2.94
High Dist #	175.60	186.60	+ 1.50	4.29
International	441.80	469.40†	+ 4.30	0.11
Int Cap Inc	105.20	112.38†	+ 1.10	2.40
Latin American	33.29	35.37†	+ 0.64	...
Pacific	83.82	89.17	+ 1.16	...
Prof High Inc	21.72	23.08†	+ 0.02	7.80
Tokyo	233.20	247.20	+ 0.80	...
UK Smaller Cos	254.90	270.20	+ 0.80	1.11
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	337.10	358.50	+ 4.50	1.91
New Asia	235.70	251.10	+ 2.30	0.23
Japan Growth	115.10	122.50	.	...
Jap Smlr Co	481.60	511.90	+ 1.60	..
Nth Amer	409.40	433.30†	+11.30	0.09
UK Inc & Gth	244.30	261.50	+ 3.10	2.83
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Digs	113.09	120.65	+ 1.80	1.25
Growth Acc	245.83	262.61	- 5.38	0.39
Income	580.77	618.52†	- 6.46	6.12
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	222.10	236.30	..	1.00
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	92.35	97.21	+ 0.21	1.90
Ethical Tst	47.33	49.82	+ 0.25	0.88
Far Eastern	313.85	330.37†	+ 2.34	1.53
High Income	136.30	143.47	+ 0.85	5.01
UK Index Tracking	49.58	52.19	+ 0.39	3.26
Intl Growth	146.03	153.72	+ 0.80	0.30
North American	146.02	153.70	+ 0.44	1.64
Pelican	137.05	144.26	+ 1.01	3.24
Smaller Cos	70.95	74.69	+ 0.44	2.91
Special Sits	92.90	97.82	+ 1.14	2.53
Tst of Inv Tsts	212.44	223.62	+ 1.70	1.27
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 487 5968				
Smaller Cos Inc	234.90	249.83	+ 1.07	1.49
Smaller Cos Acc	418.87	445.39	+ 1.89	1.49
Recovery	59.33	63.12	+ 0.11	1.98
Recovery Acc	61.30	65.21	+ 0.10	1.98
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	83.46	88.50	+ 0.33	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	51.00	54.40†	+ 0.48	0.53
High Income #	37.82	39.67†	+ 0.07	11.60
Warrant	48.71	50.77	+ 0.55	...
Zero Preference	42.84	45.45†	+ 0.12	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01278 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	89.89	95.62†	+1.020	2.70
United Charities	308.60	328.20	+2.600	2.42
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	5.20
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.80	27.97	+ 0.11	7.15
Intl Bond	29.39	30.40†	+ 0.10	5.11
Strategic Inc	26.50	27.69†	+ 0.13	5.86
Income Funds				
High Income	26.02	27.31†	+ 0.19	5.64
Income Plus	127.10	135.28	+ 1.40	4.06
Amer Eq Inc	61.81	65.47	+ 0.04	0.29
European Income	50.04	53.21	+ 0.56	2.58
Far East Inc	66.60	71.01	+ 0.10	0.80
UK Ovr Grth	30.38	32.32	+ 0.35	2.32
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	65.73	70.12	+ 0.89	...
American	313.80	332.60	+ 6.90	0.13
Amer Spec Sits	177.90	180.40	+ 2.70	..
Japan Smaller Cos	37.23	39.78	- 0.09	..
Europe	227.60	242.80	+ 1.70	0.56
European Opps	80.71	85.82	+ 0.97	0.02
Global Pdv	30.54	32.46	+ 0.36	0.35
UK Growth	118.20	125.70	+ 1.00	1.14
Growth & Inc	170.50	181.30†	+ 2.00	2.56
Intl PEP	48.77	49.73	+ 0.58	1.10
Japan Spec Sits	94.34	100.30	...	..
Japan	186.90	198.50†	+ 0.50	...
Managed Intl	348.60	370.60	+ 4.90	0.51
Moneybuilder	66.21	70.40†	+ 0.56	..
Recovery	61.15	65.02	+ 0.39	1.65
South E Asia	180.10	182.20	+ 2.10	1.01
Special Sits	710.50	755.50	+ 3.90	0.81
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	115.25	115.25	+ 0.84	5.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	146.80	149.40	..	1.78
Inc Pfolio #	92.87	94.49	+ 0.75	2.91
Cap Pfolio	161.60	164.30	+ 1.50	0.80
General Opps	137.30	139.60	...	3.85
Growth Inc	36.62	37.32	+ 0.38	0.98
Private Portfolio	469.90	479.00	..	1.13
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	151.90	161.80†	+ 1.30	0.31
Emrg Asian	149.50	161.00	+ 0.40	...
High Income	21.15	22.51†	+ 0.19	10.00
UK Income	110.50	118.02	+ 1.60	4.24
US Smaller Cos	415.70	443.20	+ 6.30	...
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD Enq 0171 330 6600 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	77.16	82.38	+ 2.12	
-do- Accum	77.16	82.38	+ 2.12	..
Amer Smllr Cos	660.50	705.40	+10.40	
-do- Accum	674.70	721.60	+10.50	
Capital Tst	382.10	405.50	+ 4.50	1.50
-do- Accum	550.70	583.80	+ 6.40	1.50
Cntl Smllr Cos	83.59	89.11	+ 0.16	0.42
-do- Accum	87.06	77.40	+ 0.18	0.42
Convertible	138.06	147.98†	- 0.30	5.36
-do- Accum	301.10	320.30†	- 0.52	5.36
Emerging Markets	70.55	75.37	+ 0.37	0.30
-do- Accum	70.55	75.37	+ 0.37	0.30
European	152.20	161.40	+ 1.70	0.80
-do- Accum	161.30	171.10	+ 1.70	0.80
Extra Income	372.10	395.80†	+ 5.80	4.10
-do- Accum	582.30	630.10†	+ 7.80	4.10
Financial	166.90	177.80	+ 2.80	0.46
-do- Accum	177.90	188.80	+ 3.10	0.46
Gilt Trust	64.53	66.53	+ 0.21	6.79
-do- Accum	97.73	100.70	+ 0.30	6.79
Health Fund Inc	254.50	271.90	+ 5.70	
-do- Accum	254.50	271.90	+ 5.70	
Income & Growth	324.80	344.30	+ 2.60	3.01
-do- Accum	369.40	378.10	+ 5.70	3.01
Intl Growth	445.30	473.80	+ 5.80	...
-do- Accum	494.80	526.20	+ 6.50	..
Japan & Gen	181.30	192.30	+ 0.80	..
-do- Accum	183.80	194.50	+ 0.80	..
Monthly Inc #	191.20	202.40†	+ 1.60	4.38
Managed Fdl Inc	120.70	127.60	+ 1.00	1.41
-do- Accum	131.10	138.60	+ 1.20	1.41
Quarterly Income #	85.94	90.86	+ 0.29	4.81
-do- Accum #	83.23	87.86	+ 0.32	4.81
Recovery	372.80	396.50†	+ 3.90	0.28
-do- Accum	439.90	470.50†	+ 4.50	0.27
UK Growth	64.08	68.12	+ 0.71	2.78
-do- Accum	68.46	72.86	+ 0.76	2.78
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01722 715936 Enq 01722 719504				
FP American	88.85	94.52	+ 0.82	0.33
FP Am Smllr Cos	190.50	202.80	+ 4.60	...
FP Asian Growth	270.70	288.90†	+ 3.30	...
FP Australian	402.00	428.00	+ 4.20	...
FP Equity Dist	442.90	472.40	+ 3.60	2.51
-do- Accum	976.90	1040.42	+13.00	2.51
FP Eurp Gth	285.60	303.80	+ 4.80	...
-do- Accum	311.70	332.40	+ 5.40	...
FP Intl Stwd	59.98	63.58	+ 0.55	4.35
FP Intl Gilt Dist	38.47	40.88	+ 0.27	0.11
-do- Accum	38.17	38.91	+ 0.58	0.11
FP Pac Basin Acc	223.10	237.30	+ 1.30	...
FP Income #	57.85	61.40	+ 0.60	5.13
-do- Accum #	201.40	214.00	+ 2.80	5.13
FP Jap Smllr Cos	322.50	344.00	- 0.10	..
FP Monthly Dist #	74.88	79.83†	+ 0.02	5.20
FP Stg Deposit	168.48	168.40†	...	5.05
FP Tokyo	85.37	91.06	- 0.10	
FP UK Focus	41.68	44.36	+ 0.41	2.26
FP UK Growth	191.90	204.00†	+ 2.10	2.37
-do- Accum	388.80	412.50	+ 4.30	2.37
Stewardship Dist	417.80	446.30	+ 2.80	1.59
-do- Accum	517.80	552.10	+ 3.20	1.59
Stewdship Inc Dist #	79.31	84.82	+ 0.25	4.85
-do- Accum #	108.50	115.70	+ 0.40	4.85
N Am Stshp Dist	121.78	129.80†	+ 1.60	0.41
-do- Accum	130.70	139.40	+ 1.80	0.41
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	125.80	133.80	+ 1.80	1.63
Open Cap Gth Acc	129.30	137.50	+ 1.80	0.70
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	116.80	124.20	+ 1.30	2.94
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	123.80	131.80	+ 1.30	2.94
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	118.10	125.80	+ 1.10	3.50
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	126.10	134.10	+ 1.10	3.50
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GAMDA	281.20	297.30	+ 3.70	2.67
Cash	49.29	50.03	+ 0.01	5.32
Growth Portfolio	89.91	94.35	+ 1.22	0.87
Income Portfolio	69.93	73.85	+ 0.86	4.16
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 0441				
Special Sits	221.10	238.50†	..	1.11
Dividend	90.11	95.58†	+ 0.55	5.19
Int Gth & Inc	242.80	259.70†	+ 1.70	3.25
UK & Gen	49.14	52.56	+ 0.27	2.76
Fund of Funds	74.95	80.18	+ 0.78	...
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	242.70	259.80	+ 4.10	0.13
European Gth	741.80	793.40	+10.50	0.68
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	55.57	58.92	+ 0.53	4.82
-do- Accum	61.67	65.39	+ 0.59	4.82
Far East & Gen	267.90	286.60	+ 0.90	...
German Growth	146.90	155.70	+ 0.40	..
High Yield #	48.73	51.58†	+ 0.23	8.13
-do- Accum #	56.88	59.74	+ 0.25	8.13
Income Inc	193.20	206.70	+ 1.30	4.13
-do- Accum	217.20	232.30	+ 1.50	4.13
International	394.80	421.80	+ 2.70	0.29
Intl Income	95.42	101.60	+ 4.10	2.84
Japan Growth	450.30	478.50	- 1.20	..
Korean Securities	58.63	62.71	- 0.65	..
Orient Acc	186.70	199.70	+ 1.40	0.17
UK General Inc	192.50	205.90†	+ 1.30	0.92
UK General Acc	344.10	368.10	+ 2.50	0.92
UK Smlr Cos Inc	52.75	56.42	..	1.72
-do- Accum	57.14	61.12	+ 0.07	1.39
UK Spec Sits	101.70	108.80	+ 0.70	1.19
US Growth	185.10	195.90	+ 1.90	...
Wwide Spec Sits	161.30	171.99†	+ 0.70	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Digs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	57.87	61.91†	+ 0.57	2.04
Cash Trust	145.36	145.36	+ 0.04	5.18
Practical Inv Inc #	121.79	130.26	+ 1.18	3.09
-do- Accum #	287.23	307.20	+ 2.77	3.09
UK Index	175.62	176.58	+ 2.29	3.42
UK Smaller Cos	185.75	198.86	+ 1.02	0.58
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.37	25.25†	+ 0.09	7.76
High Income	33.49	35.85†	+ 0.27	5.19
UK Equity Income	151.97	162.75†	+ 1.65	3.91
Global Bond	30.20	31.38	+ 0.11	5.03
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	47.51	50.81	+ 0.70	..
Global Managed	153.15	162.80	+ 1.89	1.54
Gold & Intl Res	116.26	124.34	+ 0.72	..
Global Utilities	145.11	154.07†	+ 2.15	1.40
Overseas Funds				
American	199.76	212.45	+ 5.00	0.89
European	136.43	144.76	+ 2.54	0.85
Euro Sel Opps	207.38	220.28	+ 3.66	...
Amer Emerging	179.22	190.61	+ 5.96	...
Hong Kong	160.36	171.37	+ 1.54	1.56
Japan	248.53	264.83	+ 0.41	...
Pacific Growth	235.05	250.85	+ 2.50	...
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	253.22	253.22†	+ 2.79	2.01
Long Term Bal	273.19	273.19†	+ 2.73	2.81
Med Term Bal	225.23	225.23†	+ 1.92	3.08
UK Equity	292.60	292.60	+ 3.77	2.60
UK Emerging Cos	173.69	173.69	+ 0.72	2.83
American	319.02	319.02	+ 6.14	1.00
Japan	137.44	137.44	+ 0.11	..
European	348.05	348.05	+ 5.69	1.05
Index Linked Gilt	182.57	182.57	+ 0.97	2.89
Fixed Interest	173.76	173.76†	+ 0.81	6.40
Amer Emerging	399.13	399.13	+10.97	..
Pacific	241.49	241.49	+ 2.76	0.89
Emerging Mkts	127.71	127.71†	+ 1.63	0.45
Index Strat Japan	153.49	153.49†	+ 0.32	0.14
-do- Pacific Rim	205.90	205.90†	+ 2.24	1.15
-do- Cont Europe	190.18	190.18†	+ 2.58	1.87
Index Strat USA	186.99	186.99†	+ 3.25	1.74
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	119.26	126.86	+ 1.40	..
Med Term Bal	107.27	114.11	+ 0.98	..
Long Term Bal	122.80	130.63	+ 1.31	...
UK Equity	135.80	144.47	+ 1.87	...
UK Emerging Cos	81.54	86.74	+ 0.36	..
American	147.62	157.04	+ 3.02	.
Japan	85.67	88.85	+ 0.05	..
European	144.41	153.63	+ 2.51	
Fixed Interest	89.16	94.85	+ 0.44	..
Index Linked Gilt	81.22	86.40	+ 0.43	...
Deposit	87.02	92.57	+ 0.02	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
SWH Intl	159.69	169.09	+ 1.57	0.51
Brcliff Gth Port Inc	71.47	75.64	- 0.70	0.89
-do- Inc Port Inc	61.24	64.83†	+ 0.41	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	62.37	65.83	+ 0.66	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stg & Intl Inc	598.71	636.93	+ 3.37	1.50
-do- Accum	676.12	719.29	+ 3.81	1.50
European Inc	179.89	191.20	+ 1.75	1.86
Amalgam Inc	155.10	164.42	..	...
N America Inc	406.20	432.13	+ 2.41	...
Far East Inc	373.86	397.74	.	0.22
-do- Accum	387.49	412.22	...	0.22
UK Divid Inc	205.92	219.06	+ 0.91	1.73
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	98.63	105.89	+ 0.74	4.56
UK Small Cos	65.74	70.30	+ 0.39	0.62
British Growth	66.90	71.64†	+ 0.79	3.11
American Gwth	272.35	291.27	+ 3.69	...
Japan Gwth	71.11	76.04	+ 0.13	..
Greater China	198.64	212.44	+ 0.39	0.16
Pacific Strategy	162.34	173.62	- 1.14	...
European Gwth	119.25	127.58	+ 1.67	...
Intl Growth	170.60	182.45	+ 2.50	...
US Index (T)	17.0039	18.5487	+0.1916	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	88.64	94.79†	+ 0.79	2.15
Monthly Income	40.74	43.58†	+ 0.22	8.79
Index & Bnd Funds Dealing: 0171 865 0003				
Gvt UK Index (T)	13.9954	14.7761	+0.4292	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	111.50	118.62	...	1.58
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9958				
European	587.49	627.50	+ 7.70	0.33
Gilt & Fixed	132.29	139.19	+ 0.60	5.72
Growth Equity	418.50	447.10	+ 3.50	1.21
Income Trust	145.96	155.80	+ 1.70	4.42
International	213.09	227.50	+ 2.40	...
Japan Trust	129.70	138.50†	- 0.20	..
Nth American	356.70	381.00	+ 6.30	...
Pacific	580.70	630.09	+ 9.60	...
Guardhill	631.80	675.80	+ 8.20	1.32
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	110.63	114.83	+ 0.43	5.42
Global High Inc	102.01	105.99†	+ 0.36	6.97
Corporate Bond	104.02	107.98	+ 0.37	6.97
Eqty & Bond Inc	108.31	115.16†	+ 1.55	5.46
European Growth	127.90	136.00	+ 1.90	..
Intl PEP Trust	70.79	75.27	+ 0.77	...
Equity Inc	132.48	140.84†	+ 3.38	4.22
-do- Accum	194.47	206.77	+ 4.97	4.22
Recovery	382.80	407.00	+ 3.20	1.61
-do- Accum	452.50	481.10	+ 3.70	1.61
St Vinc High Inc	128.87	130.80	+ 4.55	7.47
UK Emerg Cos	313.30	333.10	+ 1.10	2.30
UK Smlr Cos	402.80	430.30†	+ 1.40	2.47
Glob Priv Tst	116.01	123.35	+ 1.27	1.71
-do- Accum	118.51	126.01	+ 1.31	1.71
Inc Share Tst	85.09	90.47	+ 0.26	9.95
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	54.54	57.83†	+ 0.35	3.80
Balanced Acc	58.00	61.50	+ 0.38	3.80
Growth	31.88	33.80†	+ 0.27	1.99
Growth Acc	32.97	34.98	+ 0.28	1.99
Income	31.11	32.98	+ 0.19	4.27
Income Acc	32.93	34.91	+ 0.21	4.27
Accumulation Tst	24.77	26.83	+ 0.22	3.65
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	98.44	102.80†	+ 0.70	6.63
Model Pfolio	237.80	249.10	+ 3.10	2.32
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 0645 464949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	356.80	381.77	+ 3.07	0.85
Best of British	71.45	75.95	+ 1.13	2.42
UK Smaller Cos	152.56	164.00†	+ 0.77	1.21
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	298.19	317.56	+ 3.65	3.44
-do- Accum #	840.64	895.24	+10.30	3.44
High Income	332.26	355.18†	+ 2.75	4.71
Extra Income #	267.07	285.29	- 0.51	6.01
Pref & Bond	47.58	49.58†	+ 0.11	8.30
International				
Ethical	120.68	129.08	+ 1.04	2.04
International	338.44	350.93	+ 4.21	..
Global Bond	56.85	59.84	+ 0.22	5.84
Intl Pen Tst	98.66	105.51	+ 0.88	0.32
Global Tech	231.77	250.80	+ 8.33	.
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	197.97	210.74†	+ 2.68	0.17
European	624.27	692.06	+ 6.37	1.54
European Income #	92.31	97.91†	+ 1.60	3.15

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Eurp Smlr Cos	193.90	204.88	+ 0.58	2.08
European Value	98.26	103.85	+ 0.87	1.38
-do- Accum	105.56	110.70	+ 0.94	1.38
Japan Trust	236.30	252.21†	+ 0.78	
Japan Smllr Cos	240.66	259.13	+ 1.92	
Pacific Smllr Cos	234.20	287.60	+ 2.12	
North American	318.68	335.23†	+ 0.13	
American Smaller	174.54	188.73	+ 4.91	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enquiries 01927 227 300 Dealing: 01927 261 010				
Income & Growth #	154.80	165.10†	+ 1.30	5.07
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	118.85	126.46	+ 1.80	2.89
Capital	281.40	302.80†	+ 2.92	1.29
Dollar	406.66	433.78	+11.08	
Enterprise Gth	425.25	446.30	+ 2.24	1.46
European	365.36	395.88†	+ 3.26	0.30
Far East	322.82	358.87	+ 3.80	
Financial	610.02	610.49	+10.12	1.86
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.06	27.18†	+ 0.11	6.76
High Yield	103.37	110.05	+ 1.08	4.57
Income & Growth	169.81	180.29	+ 1.77	2.80
International	309.66	332.00†	+ 3.44	0.11
Japanese Special	229.91	294.46	+ 0.80	...
Japan Tech	[illegible]	140.55	- 1.20	...
Nat Resources	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 1.42	0.15
Portfolio	85.91	88.90	+ 0.78	1.30
Special Sits	200.35	212.88	+ 3.00	0.30
UK Emerging Cos	127.25	139.25	+ 0.65	0.70
US Smaller Cos	158.40	169.73	+ 4.36	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers 0800 289 505 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	432.40	465.80†	+ 3.20	3.67
Capital	196.10	208.45	+10.90	2.30
High Income #	111.30	118.40†	+ 0.90	5.61
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	645.30	686.80	+ 9.30	0.35
European Gwth	142.30	151.70	+ 2.30	0.01
Japan Gwth	168.05	180.70	+ 0.78	...
Japan Smllr Cos	36.07	38.45	- 0.02	..
Asian	58.62	62.32	+ 0.72	0.10
Sing & Malay Gwth	45.06	47.70	+ 0.60	
Hong Kong Gwth	199.90	212.30	+ 1.40	1.32
Global Bond	62.50	65.80	+ 0.07	3.20
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	162.30	168.08†	+ 2.10	3.07
Stable Index	120.30	129.10	+ 0.82	2.10
THE FOOTSIE FUND	92.87	92.19	+ 0.66	3.02
Index Funds-International				
American Index	269.85	282.20	+ 4.40	1.06
Eurotrack 100	189.80	200.20	+ 2.80	1.22
Japan Index	81.87	82.28	+ 0.11	0.07
Tiger Index	209.90	211.00	+ 1.90	0.48
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	45.06	48.01†	- 0.17	0.84
General Funds				
Managed Dist	86.11	91.59†	+ 1.03	1.16
Managed	88.52	94.10†	+ 1.05	1.16
Report Child Fed	96.12	102.00†	+ 0.80	2.55
UK Growth	66.40	71.10†	+ 0.47	2.13
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	84.61	87.35†	+ 0.40	6.20
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.74	27.58†	+ 0.07	8.01
UK Inc & Gwth	45.09	47.91†	+ 0.63	3.27
UK Income #	360.90	375.20†	+ 2.30	4.31
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	60.71	62.58	+ 1.54	0.11
Amer Smllr Cos	156.40	162.60†	+ 3.50	
-do- Accum	159.10	164.30†	+ 3.50	
Europe Gth	234.20	242.90†	+ 3.50	.
-do- Accum	242.60	251.70†	+ 3.70	.
Euro Smaller Cos	45.51	47.31	+ 0.49	..
French Growth	98.51	102.40	+ 1.20	0.33
-do- Accum	106.50	110.70	+ 1.30	0.33
H Kong & China	93.53	97.22	+ 1.91	1.57
Intl Growth	68.17	70.86	+ 1.05	0.06
-do- Accum	69.12	71.85	+ 1.05	0.06
Japan Gth	33.26	34.57†	+ 0.40	.
-do- Accum	33.26	34.57†	+ 0.40	...
Japan Smaller Cos	41.95	43.61	+ 0.02	...
Glob Emg Mkts	97.33	101.20†	+ 1.67	..
-do- Accum	98.02	101.90†	+ 1.70	...
SE Asia	341.50	354.80	+ 7.30	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	54.64	56.83†	+ 0.58	5.55
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc #	99.02	105.40	+ 1.40	3.83
Sector Value Gwth	100.80	106.40	+ 1.40	2.22
Hy 5 Europe	100.80	105.50	+ 1.00	2.82
Slater Gwth	155.30	163.90	+ 4.00	0.70
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
World Health	194.10	206.50	+ 3.70	..
Income #	206.73	219.92†	+ 2.03	4.30
UK Growth	82.97	88.26†	+ 0.63	1.94
Intl Growth	90.70	96.49†	- 0.03	0.44
Ecology	100.97	107.41	+ 0.31	1.00
European	198.63	211.30†	+ 1.81	...
Far Eastern	315.20	335.30	+ 1.80	...
UK Special Sits	48.09	51.25	+ 0.59	...



	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	100.40	103.80	+ 0.40	7.32
Gilt Yield	118.90	125.40	+ 0.30	6.55
Global Income	232.60	248.00†	+ 2.30	3.61
High Yield	151.00	160.60†	+ 1.80	5.58
-do- Accum	491.40	522.80†	+ 5.20	5.58
Smllr Cos Div	59.87	63.69†	+ 0.09	3.47
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	151.10	160.70	+ 3.30	...
Asian Growth	338.70	360.30	+ 3.80	0.23
-do- Accum	398.10	423.50	+ 4.70	0.23
North American	107.50	114.50	+ 2.02	0.23
European Special	126.20	134.30†	+ 0.89	1.24
European	182.00	193.60	+ 1.30	0.46
-do- Accum	240.80	256.20	+ 1.70	0.46
Global Eqty Inc	119.30	126.70†	+ 1.20	1.94
Japan	428.30	455.60	+ 1.80	...
Japanese Special	246.30	262.00	+ 0.70	..
Smaller Cos	141.00	150.00	+ 0.40	1.08
UK Equity Growth	49.35	52.50†	+ 0.80	1.90
UK Index Inc	327.80	329.50	+ 5.20	3.40
Workers Tst	106.80	114.30	- 1.80	2.01
-do- Accum	108.90	114.90	- 1.80	2.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	297.50	316.57	+ 3.45	4.89
Inc & Growth Inc	83.51	87.59†	+ 0.76	4.10
Smaller Cos	84.71	90.12	+ 0.56	1.19
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 523				
Growth Trust	285.60	304.00	+ 4.20	1.77
High Income	111.80	118.90†	+ 1.20	4.37
European Trust	87.63	93.22	+ 1.13	0.82
American Trust	114.50	121.80	+ 1.80	..
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01277 690 432				
UK Cap	449.50	487.40†	+ 6.30	2.39
UK Inc/Gth	458.80	487.80†	+ 3.50	3.99
UK Income	327.90	347.90†	+ 4.10	5.23
UK Sm Cos	297.80	318.30†	+ 0.80	1.59
Euro Gwth	164.30	174.30	+ 0.80	0.46
N Amer Gwth	122.10	129.50	+ 4.10	...
Japan Growth	66.58	70.84	+ 0.10	...
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 285				
Equity Dist @	568.20	569.20	+ 7.30	2.84
-do- Accum @	811.50	811.50	+15.00	2.84
Equity Income @#	102.60	102.80†	+ 1.10	5.13
UK Tactical Allocn @	64.81	64.81	+ 1.87	4.08
European @	145.80	145.80†	+ 1.90	1.59
Far Eastern @	241.50	241.50	+ 1.30	...
Fixed Interest @	53.88	53.88†	+ 0.21	7.48
Gilt @	91.13	91.13	+ 0.44	6.78
Global Growth @	86.13	86.13	+ 0.69	1.02
Intl Bond @	55.86	55.86	+ 0.19	5.05
Japanese @	76.88	76.88	- 0.02	..
North American @	211.80	211.80†	+ 3.70	0.67
Pacific Growth @	121.60	121.60	+ 1.20	0.02
UK Index @	74.72	74.72	+ 0.97	3.27
UK Recovery @	113.30	113.30	+ 1.80	2.20
UK Smaller Cos @	157.90	157.90†	+ 0.40	1.10
US Index @	82.57	82.57	+ 1.42	1.38
European Index @	92.34	92.34†	+ 1.27	2.89
Japan Index @	42.30	42.30	- 0.02	..
Worldwide @	98.54	98.54	+ 0.93	1.42
LINCOLN FUND MGRS 01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	54.08	57.83	+ 0.75	2.12
Income	62.75	67.11†	+ 0.59	3.00
Far East	57.11	61.07	+ 0.38	0.67
North American	130.90	140.00	+ 2.40	..
Global	110.20	117.80	+ 1.20	0.18
European	96.23	102.80	+ 0.90	0.63
Japan	108.80	116.30†	+ 0.30	..
Intl Country Bd	61.59	65.34	+ 0.21	4.28
SE Asia	112.80	120.60	+ 1.40	0.47
UK Cap Growth	98.37	105.20	+ 1.20	1.67
Recovery Trust	89.26	95.46	+ 0.43	1.16
Managed	78.93	82.27	+ 0.62	0.59
Cash	50.97	50.97	+ 0.01	4.52
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	394.90	420.29	+ 5.10	2.36
-do- Accum	933.70	983.40	+12.00	2.36
Contl Euro Gth	84.17	88.69	+ 1.17	1.14
-do- Accum	90.69	95.35	+ 1.26	1.14
Extra Inc	278.00	295.80	+ 2.80	4.18
-do- Accum	761.20	809.80	+ 7.20	4.18
FTSE 100 Inc	115.90	123.40†	+ 1.70	2.71
FTSE 100 Acc	121.10	128.90	+ 1.80	2.71
German Gth	139.80	147.20	+ 1.50	..
-do- Accum	146.80	154.40	+ 1.50	...
Growth Port	856.00	897.90	- 3.20	..
-do- Accum	875.50	918.70	- 3.20	..
High Interest Inc	97.36	100.90	+ 0.40	7.84
High Interest Acc	101.60	105.30	+ 0.40	7.84
Hi Reserve Inc #	105.50	112.30	+ 0.70	6.52
Hi Reserve Acc #	112.80	120.20	+ 0.70	6.52
Income	541.90	578.50	+12.90	3.36
-do- Accum	£16.26	£18.24	+35.00	3.36
Income Port	548.30	583.30†	+ 4.80	4.55
-do- Accum	613.30	652.50	+ 5.50	4.55
Japan Growth	110.80	117.90	.	..

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	117.30	122.50		
Master Trust	67.30	71.46	+ 0.67	[illegible]
-do- Accum	75.90	80.54	+ 0.70	[illegible]
Millennium Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]		2.42
N American Gwth	[illegible]	285.30†	+ [illegible]	2.21
-do- Accum	[illegible]	306.80	+ 6.10	2.21
Amer Smlr Co Inc	198.60	208.90	+ 5.40	..
-do- Accum	200.90	213.80	+ 5.60	
Pacific Basin	271.10	286.60†	+ 6.10	0.12
-do- Accum	290.00	307.30	+ 6.20	0.12
Small Cos Rec	607.30	654.80	+ [illegible]	1.05
-do- Accum	666.00	702.70	+ 4.00	1.05
Gilt Eq Inc	158.80	170.00	+ 2.00	2.24
UK Eq Inc	128.30	134.40	+ 1.50	4.33
UK Growth	102.80	108.00†	+ 1.20	1.37
-do- Accum	128.10	136.20	+ 1.50	1.90
Worldwide Gth	282.40	306.40	+ 4.20	..
-do- Accum	[illegible]	320.70	+ 5.00	..
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	86.50	92.77†	+ 1.40	0.40
General	104.27	111.87	+ 1.30	2.30
Income	[illegible]	77.25	+ 0.75	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	78.36	[illegible]	+ 0.70	[illegible]
M & G SECURITIES [illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Capital	975.80	1051.90	+ 7.30	2.64
-do- Accum	1148.80	1235.80	+ 7.70	2.64
Charifund	732.90	738.40†	+ 7.10	6.65
-do- Accum	3947.40	3794.30†	+36.80	6.65
Commodity	486.70	488.50†	+ 4.10	0.45
-do- Accum	680.10	723.70†	+ 6.10	0.45
Compound Gth	1071.60	1139.20	+11.30	3.00
-do- Accum	1185.80	1255.30	+12.40	3.00
Corporate Bond	23.22	25.21†	+ 0.14	7.70
Dividend	43.30	46.00	+ 0.40	4.75
-do- Accum	191.70	202.90	+ 1.00	4.75
Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 2.30	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 2.30	[illegible]
Euro & General	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 4.70	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 4.40	[illegible]
Euro Dividend	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.90	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 1.00	[illegible]
Extra Yield	456.60	[illegible]	+ 3.00	5.00
-do- Accum	1300.70	[illegible]	+ 8.00	5.00
Far Eastern	380.00	408.70	+ 3.70	0.57
-do- Accum	566.10	575.80	+ 4.40	0.57
Fund of Inv Tsts	680.10	728.40	+ 6.10	1.55
-do- Accum	1330.00	1412.30	+11.30	1.55
General	86.90	92.70†	+ 0.80	3.51
-do- Accum	186.50	199.40†	+ 2.00	3.51
Gilt Income	81.30	87.40	+ 0.94	7.30
-do- Accum	183.80	193.30	+ 1.00	7.30
Gold	60.60	65.40†	+ 1.30	0.00
-do- Accum	96.70	102.20†	+ 1.60	0.00
High Income	32.00	33.80	+ 0.40	4.81
-do- Accum	136.00	144.30	+ 1.40	4.81
Intl Growth	92.10	97.40†	+ 1.00	0.60
-do- Accum	162.50	172.40†	+ 1.00	0.60
International Inc	110.50	117.30	+ 1.10	4.46
-do- Accum	173.60	182.70	+ 1.80	4.46
Japan & Gen	43.30	45.80	+ 0.20	..
-do- Accum	46.50	48.10	+ 0.10	
Japan Smlr Cos	156.10	165.00	+ 0.80	
-do- Accum	157.20	165.20	+ 0.80	
Managed Gwth	26.90	28.40†	+ 0.30	1.75
Managed Income	29.40	30.90†	+ 0.35	4.32
Midland	61.90	65.10	+ 0.26	3.49
-do- Accum	213.80	226.00	+ 0.70	3.49
Pension Ex	1052.70	1079.10	+ 9.20	4.43
Recovery	47.00	49.70†	+ 0.48	2.93
-do- Accum	80.90	85.50†	+ 0.80	2.93
Second General	73.40	77.80†	+ 0.40	3.95
-do- Accum	199.80	210.50†	+ 1.10	3.95
Smaller Cos	72.20	78.30	+ 0.40	3.31
-do- Accum	147.80	158.30	+ 0.80	3.31
Treasury	25.12	25.16†	+ 0.01	5.59
Trustee	42.90	45.40	+ 0.50	4.83
-do- Accum	182.20	193.10	+ 1.90	4.83
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	101.01	107.45	+ 1.49	1.41
Intl Bond	88.23	89.59	+ 0.25	5.32
Intl Equity Growth	86.69	92.07	+ 1.13	0.04
N Amer Growth	133.85	142.32	+ 2.18	0.82
Special Sits Growth	28.88	30.59	+ 0.25	2.04
UK Growth	448.73	477.37	+ 4.78	2.69
-do- Accum	608.88	647.74	+ 6.49	2.68
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01629 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1468.80	1492.20		2.90
Income #	1621.30	1687.50†	...	4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	160.20	164.10†	...	3.60
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0800 363432				
M & S Inv Pfolio	175.10	180.50†	+ 1.30	2.55
-do- Accum	207.80	214.20†	+ 1.50	2.55
UK Sel Pfolio	152.50	157.30	+ 1.10	2.54
-do- Accum	183.90	189.60	+ 1.30	2.54
UK 100 Cos	113.00	113.00	+ 1.10	2.85
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	73.91	78.62	...	3.67
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4845				
Intl Income	81.21	86.21	+ 0.90	3.69
European	108.70	113.20	+ 1.00	0.62
Income #	88.64	95.61†	+ 0.95	4.31
Nth American	92.43	98.12	+ 1.08	0.24
Far East	181.10	192.30	+ 1.90	0.38
Japan	85.22	89.24	+ 0.04	..
Emging Mkts	88.13	94.26	+ 0.53	..
Intl Growth	126.70	134.80	+ 1.30	0.62
UK Growth	121.80	128.50	+ 1.20	2.06
UK Smllr Co	60.72	64.46	+ 0.54	1.27
Asian Opps Fd	38.16	40.61	+ 0.35	0.31
Glob Gwth PEP	61.95	65.76	+ 0.68	1.23
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 691 7433				
Select Portfolio	103.00	109.60	+ 2.10	..
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	456.25	485.37	+ 6.54	4.55
Global Inc	75.55	80.37	+ 0.60	3.99
Bril Lenders	388.34	414.19	+ 5.10	3.47
Intl Lenders	231.61	246.39	+ 0.58	1.51
PAM Mg Bal Gwth	72.41	75.23	+ 2.45	0.62
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	265.10	280.60	+4.200	..
-do- Accum	284.50	300.00	+4.500	..
American Opps	130.30	138.90	+3.200	...
-do- Accum	131.90	140.70	+3.400	...
British Blue Chip	94.08	100.40	+0.900	2.41
-do- Accum	119.70	127.60	+1.100	2.41
Cash	100.30	100.30†	+0.100	5.42
-do- Accum	147.30	147.30†	+0.100	5.42
Emerging Mkts	127.30	136.90	+0.500	0.10
-do- Accum	129.00	138.70	+0.600	0.10
European Growth	325.40	345.00†	+5.700	0.72
-do- Accum	354.60	375.90†	+6.200	0.13
European Income	94.36	99.76†	+0.910	2.88
-do- Accum	135.70	143.50†	+1.400	2.88
General	596.20	631.20	+7.000	1.95
-do- Accum	1208.00	1280.00	+15.00	1.95
Global Bond	136.80	143.70	+0.500	5.75
-do- Accum	176.30	185.10	+0.700	5.75
Gold & General	242.00	258.80†	+1.800	0.35
-do- Accum	251.80	269.00†	+1.900	0.35
Govt Securities	58.97	62.55	+0.200	8.29
-do- Accum	194.80	200.90	+0.700	8.29
High Yield Bd	100.30	102.60	+0.080	7.33
-do- Accum	105.60	107.70	+0.600	7.33
Income	180.70	191.80†	+2.000	4.38
-do- Accum	299.70	318.20†	+3.400	4.38
Inc Portfolio #	110.70	117.20†	+1.090	4.89
-do- Accum #	119.60	126.70†	+1.200	4.89
Intl Opps	580.30	607.20	+5.000	0.15
-do- Accum	788.20	818.47	+7.000	0.15
Japan	178.80	191.10	+0.200	..
-do- Accum	184.30	196.20	+0.200	..
New Europe	233.30	248.80	+3.600	0.81
-do- Accum	242.70	258.80	+3.800	0.81
Pacific	119.70	127.70†	+1.300	0.80
-do- Accum	129.00	137.60†	+1.400	0.80
Recovery	425.10	453.40	+3.700	0.57
-do- Accum	557.80	595.90	+4.900	0.57
UK Smaller Cos	64.47	68.77	+0.290	0.75
-do- Accum	73.72	78.63	+0.330	0.75
Portfolio	93.91	98.62	+0.880	2.24
-do- Accum	113.00	118.80	+1.100	2.24
Managed Gth	119.50	125.10	+1.160	1.03
Managed Inc	118.80	122.90	+0.980	2.94
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
European Plus	155.37	165.29	+ 2.17	0.14
Portfolio	78.94	83.98	+ 0.82	1.43
UK Income Inc	89.30	95.10	+ 0.76	4.57
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	68.03	71.28	+ 0.89	2.88
-do- Accum	74.52	78.03	+ 0.77	2.88
British Tst	103.00	107.90	+ 2.70	2.35
-do- Accum	123.30	129.10	+ 3.30	2.35
Corp Bond Inc	98.91	102.59†	+ 0.49	7.03
-do- Accum	107.20	110.89†	+ 0.46	7.03
Extra High Inc	69.04	72.28†	+ 0.46	7.32
-do- Accum	145.00	152.49†	+ 0.90	7.32
FT-SE 100 Acc	66.58	69.69†	+ 1.05	3.13
FT-SE 100 Dist	62.76	65.72†	+ 1.00	3.13
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.02	58.29	+ 0.26	6.55
-do- Accum	176.00	183.10	+ 0.80	6.55
High Yield	231.60	242.70	+ 1.70	6.84
-do- Accum	628.70	658.30	+ 4.50	6.84
Income	307.80	322.30†	+ 3.70	5.06
-do- Accum	721.80	755.80†	+ 8.80	5.06
Money Market UT	48.23	48.23†	+ 0.02	4.66
-do- Accum	82.48	82.48†	+ 0.04	4.66
Monthly Income	90.98	95.28†	+ 0.99	5.08
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	127.80	136.10†	+ 2.30	1.44
European Growth	130.40	138.20†	+ 0.70	0.01

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilt & Fixed	97.97	102.80†	+ 0.30	5.90
Income	[illegible]	105.33†	+ 0.46	2.42
Japan Growth	108.57	97.21†	+ 0.05	
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.68	2.02
Money Market	[illegible]	98.59†	+ 0.07	4.05
North American	107.80	114.30†	+ 1.70	0.37
Midland Overseas Pension Unit Trust				
British	120.40	123.90†	+ 2.30	1.43
European Growth	122.80	129.80†	+ 0.70	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	92.47	96.08†	+ 0.43	5.35
Income	97.20	103.40†	+ 1.80	2.46
Japan Growth	[illegible]	135.91†	+ 0.54	..
Managed	76.66	80.04†	+ 0.92	2.00
Money Market	90.83	91.83†	+ 0.05	4.00
North American	99.74	105.30†	+ 1.50	0.47
North American	83.46	105.89†	+ 2.10	1.43
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (6903)	38.27	40.86		...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST SVS LTD Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	462.10	491.20†	+13.90	
European Gth Inc	605.70	647.30†	+10.90	
-do- Accum	608.30	654.30†	+11.00	
Intl Gwth	229.50	243.30	+ 3.00	
UK Equity Inc	217.30	231.40	+ 2.60	3.87
Do. Accum	292.10	310.80	+ 3.40	3.81
UK Intl Tstls Inc	185.20	198.80	+ 2.40	2.35
-do- Accum	226.40	240.80†	+ 3.30	2.35
UK Eq Intl Tstls	272.40	289.50	+ 4.70	0.24
Japan Tracker	77.12	81.33	+ 0.13	
Asian Tracker	225.80	240.30	+ 2.20	0.14
Mngd Pfolio Inc	165.70	180.10†	+ 1.70	1.50
Mngd Pfolio Acc	202.80	216.20†	+ 1.90	1.50
Deposit Inc	100.29	100.29	+ 0.04	5.30
Europe	297.80	319.30†	+ 3.10	
Growth	209.20	225.20	+ 3.80	2.47
High Income	19.94	22.54†	+ 0.15	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 233				
Accumlr	107.30	110.30	+ 1.09	2.20
American Inc	98.01	101.10	+ 1.00	2.30
American Reserve	88.84	94.77†	+ 0.37	7.87
-do- Inc	73.40	74.22†	+ 0.25	7.87
American Growth	71.81	73.69†	+ 0.65	
Equity Income #	102.30	104.90	+ 0.90	4.90
European	84.50	88.10	+ 1.02	0.59
Smaller Cos	94.60	98.86	+ 0.45	1.10
W'wide Eqy	78.12	81.38†	+ 0.91	
Global Bond	46.68	48.19	+ 0.71	5.76
UK Growth	110.30	113.36	+ 1.20	1.61
Pacific Growth	119.50	123.80†	+ 2.20	0.50
Japan Growth	104.70	108.40†	+ 0.20	.
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	142.75	151.88†	+ 0.90	2.86
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 839 8282				
UK Growth	86.23	91.40†	+ 0.65	2.43
UK Income	122.87	129.72	+ 0.87	4.25
Higher Income	232.65	245.96†	+ 0.25	4.41
Smaller Cos	164.73	177.08	- 2.69	1.42
International	111.47	118.50	+ 1.46	1.40
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	129.70	138.00	+ 2.30	0.10
European Dist	148.30	157.80	+ 0.80	0.38
Far East Dist	202.40	215.30†	+ 1.30	
Global Care Dist	85.55	91.81	+ 0.61	0.36
Grwth Dist	1204.10	1281.00	+11.90	...
-do- Accum	1542.80	1652.80	+15.40	...
UK Dist	414.10	440.30	+ 6.50	2.13
-do- Accum	841.20	894.90	+13.20	2.13
UK Extra Inc Dist	92.18	98.04†	+ 0.66	2.90
Wwide Dist	124.90	132.90	+ 1.20	.
Wwide Inc Dist	89.83	94.50	+ 0.57	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Dlg: 01277 690 260 Admin Enq: 01277 690 300				
Europe Inc	78.35	82.67	+ 1.36	0.73
Fund of Funds Inc	69.45	73.30†	+ 0.68	1.77
North America Inc	68.02	71.79	+ 1.53	0.35
UK Equity Gth Inc	67.37	71.10	+ 0.80	2.84
-do- Accum	72.51	76.53	+ 0.86	2.84
UK General Inc	66.90	70.81	+ 1.05	2.80
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	48.73	51.34†	+ 0.24	6.54
UK Income Inc	64.34	67.91†	+ 0.67	4.27
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	53.74	57.17	+ 0.79	...
-do- Accum	54.16	57.61	+ 0.80	...
Bond	126.87	134.83	+ 0.75	5.65
Cash Income	50.47	50.47	+ 0.01	5.29
-do- Accum	68.61	68.61	+ 0.02	5.29
Distributor	101.33	107.79	+ 1.36	2.98
European	56.44	60.04	+ 0.48	..
Foundation	108.10	115.08	+ 1.44	2.75
General Inc	214.71	228.41†	+ 1.95	1.49
General Acc	216.65	230.69†	+ 1.97	1.49
Global	383.80	408.29	+ 3.57	..
Growth Inc	142.42	151.51	+ 1.94	2.46
Growth Acc	144.36	153.57	+ 1.96	2.46
Higher Income Inc	31.30	33.29	+ 0.44	4.77
-do- Accum	37.43	39.81	+ 0.53	4.77
Income	258.37	275.07†	+ 3.42	3.49
Intrepid	145.36	149.35	...	1.86
Japan	28.49	30.30†	+ 0.05	.
Oriental Inc	154.00	163.92†	- 0.41	0.76
-do- Accum	159.78	169.95†	- 0.42	0.76
Pers Intl Gwth	36.85	39.20	+ 0.37	..
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
High Income #	46.33	49.50†	+ 0.32	6.62
Managed	110.20	116.60	...	2.52
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 278				
Master Trust	141.83	149.20	+ 1.37	1.82
UK Equity	164.98	173.65	+ 2.21	2.92
UK Equity Income	147.65	155.42	+ 1.95	3.36
UK Smaller Cos	131.70	138.63†	+ 0.84	1.46
UK Equity Growth	147.79	155.57	+ 1.63	1.12
UK Index Tckg	165.59	174.76	+ 1.94	3.51
Intl Index Tckg	174.26	183.92	+ 2.17	0.98
International	281.22	296.02	+ 2.93	0.71
European	258.20	268.75	+ 3.78	0.35
Pan European	169.84	178.80	+ 1.94	1.35
Nth American	237.03	249.50	+ 3.43	0.13
N Amer Smlr Cos	238.72	251.28†	+ 1.90	...
Japanese	99.11	104.33†	+ 0.20	..
Pacific	250.84	263.52†	+ 1.58	0.48
South East Asian	265.42	280.44	+ 2.48	0.57
Intl Bond	139.76	149.06†	+ 0.54	5.02
Gilt & Convertible	107.94	113.62†	+ 0.48	5.54
Property	81.76	86.08†	+ 0.20	5.64
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	367.80	398.30	+ 4.08	0.14
-do- Accum	390.40	423.09	+ 4.20	0.14
Japan Inc	115.90	123.70	- 0.28	..
Nth American Inc	135.80	144.40†	+ 3.30	0.81
Worldwide Inc	180.10	193.30	+ 2.09	0.15
Hong Kong Inc	169.60	181.00†	+ 2.38	1.25
Swiss Equities Inc	91.75	98.09	+ 2.45	..
Wwide Bond Inc	68.45	72.45	+ 0.30	5.40
Emging Asia Inc	204.70	222.60	+ 2.70	..
-do- Accum	205.40	223.40	+ 2.80	..
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.03	50.03†	+ 0.02	5.82
Thailand Inc	155.20	169.40	+ 5.00	1.34
New Zealand Inc	98.13	105.40	- 0.70	2.84
Isl Mngd PEP Inc	70.76	75.02	+ 0.74	1.30
Latin Am Cap Inc	66.05	71.07	+ 1.17	..
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	88.42	88.55	+ 0.89	2.81
Sector Unit Trusts				
Global Tracker	86.83	94.47	+ 1.18	...
Global Portfolio	79.61	85.14	+ 1.03	...
Global Opps	69.73	74.58	+ 0.65	...
Merch Global Gth	68.13	73.31	+ 0.42	...
CAM Intl Gwth Inc	101.90	109.40	+ 0.70	..
Temple Equity Inc	46.08	50.60†	+ 0.28	4.14
Hartley Growth	110.30	117.30†	+ 0.70	0.38
Intl Growth Inc	89.65	95.24	+ 0.31	0.63
IPS Portfolio Inc	93.20	99.71	+ 2.23	...
Premier Pfolio Inc	71.30	76.26†	+ 0.42	1.39
Edinburgh Sltd Gth	81.17	86.81	+ 0.51	0.28
International Sltd	84.68	90.55	+ 1.09	...
UFC Int-Act Gth	82.40	88.73	+ 0.80	...
Chatfield Port of Fds	55.45	60.32	+ 0.54	...
Lowes Intl Growth	51.91	54.84†	+ 0.54	...
PM UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3063				
Equity Gth	240.80	256.20	+ 2.10	1.21
European Gth	130.60	138.50	+ 2.20	0.64
Income & Gth #	157.10	167.10	+ 1.30	2.67
Japan Gth	118.50	126.10	- 0.10	..
Nth Amer Gth	207.60	220.80	+ 3.80	.
Overseas Gth	123.20	131.10	+ 1.80	0.66
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 526 377 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	271.50	288.70	+ 3.50	2.59
-do- Accum	594.10	632.00	+ 7.80	2.59
Growth	178.70	190.00	+ 1.90	2.38
Income	268.50	283.50	+ 6.70	3.69
Intl Equity	290.80	309.30	+ 3.00	0.70
-do- Accum	323.80	344.40	+ 3.40	0.70
UK Income	72.42	77.04†	+ 0.77	3.32
UK Intl 25	92.14	98.02	+ 1.09	2.14
New Europe	102.80	108.50	+ 1.40	0.23
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	696.08	744.42	+ 3.43	0.53
-do- Accum	698.61	747.33	+ 3.44	0.53
Income	426.31	455.95	+ 2.63	3.29
Wwide Recovery	461.31	493.39	+ 2.19	0.59
Amer Growth Inc	310.55	331.47	+ 4.64	0.01
-do- Accum	310.55	331.47	+ 4.64	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	297.29	317.95	+ 1.63	0.17
Far Eastn Gth Inc	312.93	334.69	+ 1.55	0.82
-do- Accum	314.07	335.91	+ 1.55	0.82
Euro Growth Inc	181.59	193.75	+ 0.39	0.74
-do- Accum	182.16	194.42	+ 0.28	0.74
UK Growth Inc	112.90	120.85	+ 0.60	2.61
-do- Accum	121.35	129.79	+ 0.65	2.61
High Income	111.08	118.81†	+ 0.60	4.05
Jap Gwth Inc	221.25	236.67	+ 0.77	0.28
-do- Accum	222.25	236.07	+ 0.77	0.28
PEP Bond	52.09	54.24	+ 0.21	7.97
PEP Growth	148.91	157.08	+ 0.83	1.01
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	138.27	147.89	+ 1.02	0.27
-do- Accum	138.69	148.34	+ 1.03	0.27
Amer Smlr Co Inc	195.12	208.71	+ 3.54	0.01
-do- Accum	195.12	208.71	+ 3.54	0.01
Global Bond	67.88	69.86	- 0.10	5.10
UK Smaller Cos Inc	106.76	114.13†	+ 0.80	1.55
-do- Accum	113.71	121.62	+ 0.63	1.55
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 261 3927				
American	134.59	143.36	+ 2.92	...
European	94.39	100.42	+ 1.24	...
Global	70.11	74.59†	+ 0.73	...
Pacific	82.09	87.31	+ 0.72	...
UK Inc & Gth	78.42	83.48	+ 0.47	2.64
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 450				
Emerg Mkts	50.23	53.15†	+ 0.09	0.98
Fund of Funds Inc	182.81	189.58	+ 1.97	0.58
Fund of Funds Acc	196.66	204.89	+ 1.59	0.58
High Income #	53.81	56.94†	+ 0.24	5.71
Performance	46.93	49.65	+ 0.18	...
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	168.85	179.63†	+ 1.12	2.12
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	119.20	126.50†	+ 1.50	3.13
Conv & Gilt	117.80	125.10	+ 0.50	5.87
European Income	90.99	96.80	+ 1.83	2.91
Extra Income	179.80	191.30†	+ 1.90	4.87
-do- Accum	232.90	248.80	+ 2.49	4.87
Far East	435.70	463.60	+ 6.50	..
-do- Accum	444.80	473.20	+ 3.10	..
Global Income	28.79	30.62†	+ 0.28	5.38
High Income	134.80	143.50	+ 1.40	4.47
-do- Accum	170.10	181.00	+ 1.70	4.47
International	221.20	235.30	+ 3.10	0.55
-do- Accum	229.10	243.70	+ 3.10	0.55
Pref & Fxd Int	43.67	46.45†	+ 0.24	7.33
Recovery	86.00	90.72	+ 0.66	2.30

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	143.40	152.50	+ 1.80	1.44
-do- Accum	150.80	160.00	+ 1.30	1.44
Technology	686.30	740.70	+13.80	..
UK Blue Chip	86.77	92.30	+ 1.25	3.00
-do- Accum	98.71	105.10	+ 1.40	3.00
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4400				
Managed Inr	45.00	47.54	+ 0.97	1.72
Cash Haven Inc	101.75	102.25†	+ 0.03	5.03
Cash Haven Acc	118.14	118.72†	+ 0.04	5.03
Dist Trust Inc	104.88	109.88†	+ 0.91	6.39
Dist Trust Acc	117.49	121.73†	+ 1.02	6.39
Global Growth	105.15	111.90†	+ 1.20	1.41
Equity Inc	88.53	94.18†	+ 0.50	4.64
Equity	860.14	915.04	+10.97	2.39
European	272.90	282.80	+ 3.04	0.75
High Income	87.94	97.17†	+ 0.80	5.05
Intl Bond	229.20	287.53†	+ 2.81	0.72
Intl Sm Co	98.84	104.30	+ 0.83	0.64
Japanese	227.90	236.17	- 1.22	
Nth Amer	237.98	245.81†	+ 3.78	1.25
Pacific Mkts	117.75	122.02†	+ 2.76	0.88
Premier Inc	48.18	50.15†	+ 0.19	8.58
Sm Cos	108.41	118.20	+ 0.18	1.74
Spec Sits	184.92	182.45†	+ 1.64	2.06
UK Growth	145.72	155.02	+ 1.80	2.30
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	61.31	65.59	+ 0.85	3.90
Investment Trust	112.39	118.07	+ 0.85	
UK Smaller Cos	107.42	112.85†	- 0.25	1.23
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	306.60	354.10	+ 2.80	3.61
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	669.52	709.08	+10.41	0.11
America (Acc)	771.72	809.42	+12.19	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	57.37	62.05	+ 0.66	
Asia	58.20	60.27	+ 0.63	
European	423.44	449.38	+ 6.19	0.47
Japan	245.24	260.65	- 0.38	...
Jap Smlr Cos	45.43	48.46	- 0.29	..
Major UK Cos	114.80	122.30†	+ 1.79	1.97
Smlr UK Cos	394.59	420.80	+ 2.13	0.84
UK Equity Inc	182.21	194.55	+ 1.95	3.48
FiveArrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	51.66	53.97†	+ 0.82	..
Cash	48.19	50.19†		3.15
Emerging Mkts	49.34	51.57†	+ 0.63	...
Europe	62.53	65.30†	+ 1.00	
Global Fixed Int #	52.44	54.70†	+ 0.50	5.40
Japan	45.55	47.57†	+ 0.13	..
North America	67.85	70.80†	+ 1.80	
UK	63.69	65.80†	+ 0.40	0.54
UK Equity Inc #	58.88	62.53†	+ 0.36	4.18
UK Fixed Int #	50.74	52.99†	+ 0.14	6.35
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pop Gth Port	51.82	52.87	+ 0.55	.
Pop Inc Port #	48.29	51.07	+ 0.36	4.18
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	89.65	94.36	+ 0.04	
Gilt	99.52	104.75	+ 0.30	
Managed	116.82	122.75	+ 1.18	..
Portfolio	49.93	52.55	+ 0.49	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	117.80	125.30	+ 2.50	0.25
Pacific Basin	84.11	90.24	+ 1.55	0.25
High Inc Dist	153.40	164.10	+ 1.49	4.82
Ryl Life Intl Cnry	64.80	68.55	+ 0.37	3.77
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	78.84	84.87†	+ 1.88	0.12
Ryl Life Intl Spec	74.66	79.42	+ 1.37	.
UK Emerging Cos	141.70	153.10	+ 0.80	1.35
UK Index Tckg	182.30	204.30	+ 1.60	3.65
European	173.10	185.40	+ 3.50	0.25
Managed	178.80	192.20	+ 2.50	1.03
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 794 409				
American Growth	196.40	208.90†	+ 5.70	1.58
European Growth	141.00	149.50	+ 2.50	2.17
Far East Growth	146.70	158.10†	+ 3.10	1.73
Japan Growth	135.80	144.30	+ 1.40	
Special Sits	236.50	251.50	+ 4.40	1.13
UK Growth	97.57	103.70	+ 1.30	1.65
Triton General	291.30	309.80	+ 5.00	1.43
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 1500				
Far East Inc	179.50	189.90	+ 1.40	0.80
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	411.30	435.20	+ 2.90	0.40
-do- Accum	642.80	680.20	+ 4.80	0.40
Growth Inc	156.70	165.80	+ 1.20	0.48
-do- Accum	160.70	170.00	+ 1.20	0.48
International Inc	407.30	431.00	+ 2.90	0.44
-do- Accum	583.30	608.10	+ 4.10	0.44
Nth Am & Intl Inc	395.40	418.40	+ 4.70	0.59
UK Gen Prog Inc	251.80	266.20	+ 2.00	1.11
-do- Accum	288.00	304.80	+ 2.20	1.11
UK High Inc Inc	144.70	153.10	+ 0.70	4.77
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	122.63	130.87	+ 0.99	0.75
European Gwth	91.32	97.14	+ 1.14	1.00
Global Bd	61.88	65.49	+ 0.17	5.00
Japan	57.58	61.22	+ 0.02	..
UK Gwth	88.10	93.72	- 0.27	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	98.40	98.17	+ 1.14	3.15
Amer Smlr Cos	148.60	158.10	+ 2.70	...
Capital Portfolio	149.80	159.40	+ 1.19	0.94
Cash	134.30	134.30		5.23
China Dragon	63.17	67.20	+ 0.42	1.33
Commodity	149.50	159.00	+ 1.10	..
Emerging Mkts	37.81	40.22	+ 0.42	0.30
Energy Inds	161.50	171.80	+ 0.60	..
European Gwth	239.10	254.40	+ 3.30	0.20
Euro Inc & Gwth #	96.69	102.80†	+ 1.16	1.84
Euro Smlr Cos	75.50	80.32	+ 0.59	0.29
Exempt Income #	151.10	153.90†	+ 1.10	3.75
Extra Income #	55.13	58.94†	+ 0.36	6.22
Far Eastern	114.60	121.90	+ 0.80	..
FE Sm Cos	46.59	49.56	+ 0.23	...
Financial Secs	285.30	303.50	+ 3.50	0.63
Gold & Exploration	108.80	115.70	+ 0.60	..
Growth	414.50	416.60	+ 2.70	1.70
High Income #	48.35	49.55†	+ 0.16	7.58
High Yield #	255.40	271.70	+ 2.00	3.05
Intl Bond	172.90	182.50	+ 0.60	5.84
ITU	235.10	250.10	+ 2.70	0.76
Income #	129.30	137.60†	+ 1.10	3.72
Japan Growth	185.00	196.80	...	...
Japan Smaller	200.50	213.30	- 0.20	...
Korea	57.42	61.09	- 0.30	.
Latin America	40.88	43.49†	+ 0.63	0.34
Matterhorn	85.90	88.23	+ 0.39	0.86
Premier Eq Gth	153.80	163.70	+ 1.00	1.08
Premier Eq Inc #	347.50	369.70	+ 2.88	3.46
Scotyields #	275.20	292.80	+ 2.20	2.82
Select Intl	158.80	168.80	+ 1.50	0.57
Smaller Cos Inc #	259.80	276.40	+ 0.20	3.60
SE Asia	52.68	56.04	+ 0.46	0.08
Southern Africa	57.34	61.00†	+ 0.78	1.33
UK & O'seas	195.30	207.80	+ 1.80	1.07
UK Eqy Gth	78.13	83.12	+ 0.56	1.55
UK Eqy Inc #	247.10	262.50†	+ 2.20	4.19
UK Gth & Inc #	280.40	298.30†	+ 2.20	3.37
UK Sm Cos	59.23	63.01	+ 0.12	1.27
US Growth	210.80	224.30	+ 3.40	...
Univ Growth	160.10	170.30	+ 1.40	0.71
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	334.88	354.22	+ 1.86	0.59
-do- Accum	368.31	390.67	+ 1.83	0.59
European Gwth	92.19	97.68	+ 0.88	0.88
Euro Smllr Cos	113.47	120.82	+ 0.51	0.29
Far Eastern Gth	112.98	120.45†	+ 0.86	..
-do- Accum	115.11	122.78†	+ 0.88	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	52.89	55.50	...	7.46
Global Bond #	51.99	53.72†	+ 0.27	6.45
-do- Accum #	61.95	64.00†	+ 0.31	6.45
Global Emer Mkts	57.94	61.80	+ 0.62	...
-do- Accum	58.08	61.85	+ 0.63	...
Income #	405.94	434.06	+ 2.34	5.02
-do- Accum #	£13.49	£14.38	+ 7.77	5.02
Japan Smllr Cos	479.60	511.57†	+ 0.44	...
-do- Accum	480.56	512.59†	+ 0.44	
Japan Enterprise	70.35	75.04	+ 0.23	..
Pacific Gwth	158.92	169.51†	+ 1.35	0.61
-do- Accum	164.62	175.59†	+ 1.40	0.61
Portfolio	94.00	100.26†	+ 0.82	1.77
-do- Accum	104.55	111.51†	+ 0.92	1.77
Seoul	48.20	51.41	- 0.08	..
-do- Accum	48.20	51.41	- 0.08	..
Smaller Cos	312.66	333.50	+ 1.70	0.59
Strategic Inc	99.78	106.37†	+ 0.77	2.26
Strategic Acc	101.18	107.88†	+ 0.77	2.26
Tokyo	133.82	142.84	+ 0.33	
-do- Accum	135.27	144.26	+ 0.33	
UK Enterprise	325.76	347.47†	+ 1.72	2.27
-do- Accum	402.56	429.38†	+ 2.12	2.27
UK Equity	295.08	314.69†	+ 2.18	2.60
-do- Accum	596.32	636.08†	+ 4.40	2.60
US Smllr Cos	223.58	238.49	- 0.07	.
-do- Accum	223.59	238.49	- 0.07	...
Institutional Funds				
European	290.00	309.90†	+ 3.31	1.48
-do- Accum	320.89	343.19†	+ 3.74	1.48
Euro Smllr Cos	37.91	39.48	+ 0.24	1.07
-do- Accum	40.76	42.48	+ 0.27	1.07
Global Equity Inc	82.99	86.86	+ 1.38	0.92
Japan Smllr Cos	40.94	42.64†	- 0.18	0.05
-do- Accum	41.24	43.00†	- 0.18	0.05
Mngd Balanced	223.98	233.31	+ 1.44	3.24
-do- Accum	261.15	272.83	+ 1.68	3.24
Overseas Equity	224.35	233.89†	+ 2.15	1.12
-do- Accum	235.33	245.13†	+ 2.26	1.12
Oseas Smllr Cos	152.88	159.05	+ 0.46	0.92
-do- Accum	160.90	167.60	+ 0.48	0.92
Pacific	282.84	294.41	+ 3.11	1.27
-do- Accum	313.33	326.36	+ 3.45	1.27
Recovery	£23.15	£24.11†	+13.92	3.10
-do- Accum	£25.47	£26.54†	+15.32	3.10
UK Index	179.95	187.44	+ 1.57	3.49
-do- Accum	229.40	238.96	+ 2.01	3.49
UK Small Cos	139.90	145.72	+ 0.63	2.42
-do- Accum	153.58	159.97	+ 0.69	2.42
US Smllr Cos	64.91	67.61	- 0.06	0.45
-do- Accum	66.47	69.23	- 0.07	0.45
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	58.95	60.22	+ 0.55	3.12
Equity Trust	74.30	78.57	+ 0.65	2.82
Equity Strategy	87.88	92.93	+ 0.56	1.42
European Opps	107.79	113.99	+ 1.50	0.50
UK Smaller Cos	79.79	84.38	+ 0.12	0.94
Madison Inc	98.04	100.58	+ 0.03	5.83
Japanese	82.29	86.99	+ 0.07	
Asia Pacific	128.89	136.30	+ 1.28	0.77
American	133.87	140.72	+ 2.53	0.35
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	33.04	33.04	+ 0.01	5.25
UK General Inc	80.45	84.46	+ 0.87	3.57
-do- Accum	82.65	87.52	+ 1.18	3.57
Intl Income	307.37	320.81	+ 1.80	1.88
-do- Accum	528.66	552.70	+ 2.81	1.88
European	102.98	109.17	+ 1.39	2.01
Japan	71.33	75.58	- 0.05	..
American	94.82	100.29	+ 1.67	1.41
Far East	92.46	98.85	+ 0.98	1.42
Ethical Inc	38.36	41.05†	+ 0.13	1.88
UK Blue Chip Inc	38.81	41.47†	+ 0.65	3.32
High Inc Inc	41.05	43.76	+ 0.36	3.92
UK Global Inc	47.37	50.52†	+ 0.44	2.86
Wwide Tact	82.58	87.84	+ 0.34	1.13
Europe 2000 Tact	70.79	75.29	+ 0.81	1.72
Technology	151.58	161.68	+ 3.23	0.06
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	462.10	488.20	+ 6.40	2.86
American	349.30	369.40	+ 7.40	0.69
Pacific	424.60	454.10	+ 2.80	0.23
European	697.00	745.50	+ 8.40	1.09
Worldwide	104.80	111.90	+ 1.20	0.50
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	320.60	341.10	+ 4.20	2.11
-do- Accum	420.00	446.90	+ 5.30	2.11
UK Sr Co Eq Inc	279.00	297.30	+ 0.80	1.24
-do- Accum	332.10	353.40	+ 0.70	1.24
Select Opprtny Inc	83.22	88.01	+ 0.55	1.92
Income Plus Inc	81.49	86.70	+ 0.75	3.20
European Inc	442.90	471.20	+ 8.70	0.94
-do- Accum	585.20	597.50	+ 7.80	0.94
Far Eastern Inc	188.00	200.00	+ 1.90	0.82
-do- Accum	216.80	230.50	+ 2.10	0.82
Japanese Inc	64.49	68.61	+ 0.03	..
Nth American Inc	318.40	338.80	+ 8.40	0.30
-do- Accum	352.00	374.50	+ 7.10	0.30

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	236.50	251.70	+ 2.70	0.41
Wwide Venture Inc	97.10	103.40	+ 1.00	0.24
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	437.00	469.00	+ 4.20	2.37
-do- Accum	662.60	706.70	+ 6.40	2.37
UK High Inc	208.10	221.90	+ 1.70	2.80
-do- Accum	277.30	330.40	+ 2.70	2.97
Europe Inc	474.50	505.10	+ 7.50	0.22
Nth Amer Inc	321.10	342.60	+ 7.80	...
Global Inc	286.00	299.70	+ 3.40	0.18
Global Acc	286.50	305.80	+ 3.60	0.18
UK Spec Sits Inc	126.80	135.20	+ 1.20	1.80
South East Asia	242.00	258.10	+ 2.30	0.51
Cash Trust Inc	100.70	100.70	...	5.05
UK Smlr Cos Inc	122.40	130.50	+ 1.00	1.60
-do- Accum	128.70	137.20	+ 1.00	1.60
Intl Bond Inc	95.07	101.60	+ 0.87	5.18
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	160.90	171.60†	+ 2.50	0.60
Nth American	140.20	147.60†	+ 2.70	..
Intl Bond & Conv	128.40	135.20	+ 0.50	5.60
Pooled Pension (T)	225.20	242.20†		2.97
Smaller Cos	113.70	119.70	+ 1.00	0.81
UK General #	159.60	167.40	+ 1.80	2.25
Far Eastern	101.30	106.40	+ 0.50	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	126.26	..	+ 1.82	.
Aztec ‡	70.11	..	+ 1.32	..
European ‡	188.32		+ 1.36	..
Global Bond ‡	97.78		+ 0.14	8.00
Investment Trust ‡	114.22	...	+ 0.86	0.97
Preferred Income ‡	108.86	...	+ 0.11	4.90
Samurai ‡	60.08	..	+ 0.27	...
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.44	.	+ 0.08	4.70
UK Growth ‡	108.91	...	+ 0.30	2.39
Tal Pen ‡	105.21		+ 0.83	..
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	112.56	.	+ 0.10	2.37
UK Equity Inc ‡	110.37	..	+ 0.24	4.05
Glob Gwth PEP	77.57	82.52	+ 0.86	1.16
Pref Inc PEP #	100.80	108.80†	+ 0.80	5.61
Inv Trust PEP	57.23	60.80	+ 0.40	..
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	447.60	472.80	+10.40	...
Capital	142.90	152.80†	+ 1.50	1.25
Cash	101.53	101.83	+ 0.01	5.23
European	162.70	172.20	+ 3.60	0.80
Far Eastern	164.60	174.40	+ 2.10	...
Growth	158.10	167.20†	+ 2.10	1.05
Income #	135.80	143.70	+ 0.90	5.06
Magnum	152.60	163.10†	+ 1.50	1.29
Smlr Secs	529.00	559.80	+ 3.90	0.49
Throgmorton	178.20	190.70†	+ 1.90	1.16
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Capital Primmes	56.02	59.91†	+ 0.13	7.00
Ethical	83.14	88.92	+ 1.17	0.80
European Growth	83.54	88.88	+ 1.09	1.18
Income	60.58	64.77	+ 0.65	3.86
Intl Growth	114.90	122.20	+ 1.20	1.23
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■ VISUAL ART 1

A love of film links the six young artists in *Scream and Scream Again*, the multimedia show at Moma in Oxford

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Four artists preserve for posterity the original details of Bankside, future home to the Tate

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Philip-Lorca diCorcia's pictures of Santa Monica Boulevard look like glossy stills from an unmade movie

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VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** on six intriguing film installations at Oxford's Museum of Modern Art; plus other shows

Life and death in the glow of magic lanterns

To judge by its title, *Scream and Scream Again*, the latest exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford ought to be awash with blood and corpses. After all, the 1969 film from which this show takes its name starred Vincent Price as a mad scientist who creates a super-race of vampires.

But the six young artists included in the Oxford survey are, for the most part, averse to violence. Fascinated by film, they see no point in mirroring Hollywood's shameless addiction to gore.

Not that their contributions are bland. Isaac Julien, whose *Young Soul Rebels* won a Cannes award five years ago, has no hesitation in immersing us in grief. Aids is the spectre lurking within *Trussed*, his double film projection specially commissioned for the show. The soundtrack accompanying it is plaintive yet restrained, dominated by a single, sustained note drawn out to a painful duration.

Lyrical images of homosexual love-making soon give way to more disturbing scenes, focusing on a man suspended upside-down in space. Through his eyes, we see the faces of male onlookers, and the swaying rhythm gives the film an increasingly dreamlike flavour. A man in pyjamas, confined to a wheelchair, is visited by a friend bearing flowers. Petals reappear, floating on the surface of water where a face seems to be drowning.

In the most elegiac sequence, a leather-clad white mourner carries a black man's inert body in a pose immediately reminiscent of a Renaissance Pietà. Premature death is inescapable, but Julien constantly reminds us of its links with erotic delight by moving freely between images associated with bereavement and ecstasy alike.

The whole experience is reminiscent of watching an early silent film, where the director would linger on the close-up of a face or a tormented figure in order to generate an intense, meditative mood.

Liisa Roberts, the New York-based artist who has made *Trap Door* for this exhibition, shares the desire to slow down the expectations we normally bring to film viewing. But where Julien is openly emotional, Roberts is detached and coldly analytical.

The triangular structure of large screens installed in her room has a sculptural presence, and she allows the projectors to occupy a prominent place at its centre. Their mechanical clatter is the only sound we can hear, as three silent 16mm films are beamed on to the screens. Images of gesturing hands and naked bodies alternate with shots of landscapes, apparently glimpsed from a moving train or car.

> ‘These young artists are fascinated by film’

Public and private realms are contrasted, and sometimes interrupted by isolated words, such as "Here". They recall the use of printed dialogue and headings in silent films, but serve only to stress enigma rather than offer any explanations. The effect is fragmented, as if Roberts wants to frustrate any attempt to build up a coherent narrative.

The film projected on to a fourth screen, marooned elsewhere in the room, offers no key to the work's overall meaning. Instead, the camera travels round a bronze statue of three dancing female nudes. Their intimacy, pitched against the backdrop of a park, brings together Roberts's public/private themes in a single image at last.

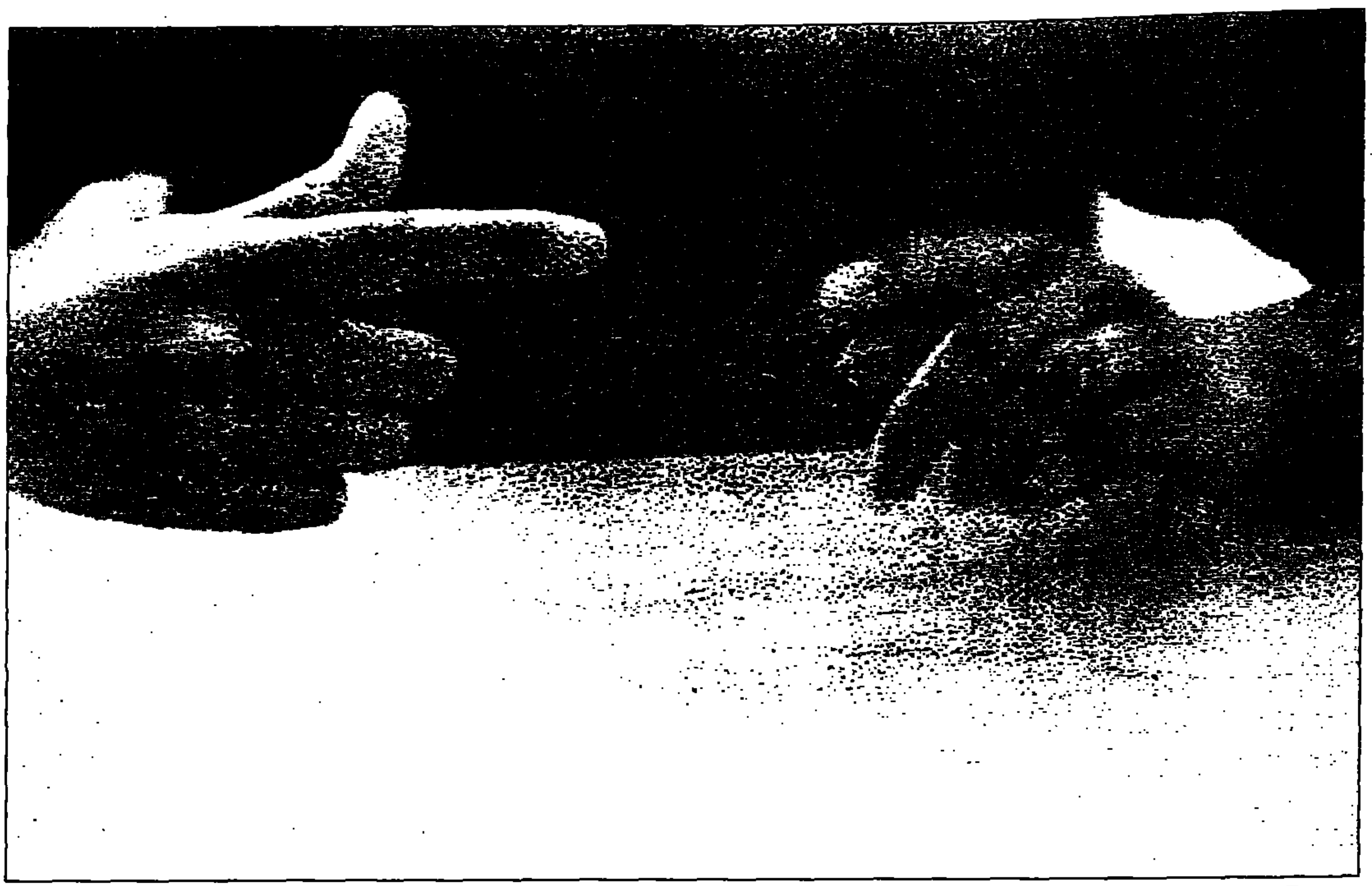
In *Black and White (Babylon)*, Douglas Gordon takes a 1950s stripper film as his starting point, and slows it down on one screen to an almost hallucinatory extent. The generously endowed woman goes through her disrobing ritual with plenty of winks, smirks and wriggles. But she might as well be performing underwater, and her sluggish movements accentuate the absurd artifice of the whole event.

On a neighbouring, somewhat larger screen, the same film is projected upside-down. Unlike the inverted man in Julien's work, this gesticulating figure becomes virtually abstract. She is drained of allure, and for that reason proves far less watchable than the stripper on the other screen. The latter may well be more compelling than she would seem when projected at normal speed. But her slowness here often approaches the condition of painting, and stirs memories of French 19th-century nudes from Delacroix's Odalisques to Manet's deadpan yet defiant Olympia.

If Gordon's stripper is archly aware of the male gaze, the Dutch artist Marijke van Warmerdam turns the tables by confronting us with row after row of staring, motionless men.

Placing a 16mm projector in the middle of her space, she shows a colour film of a crowd gathered round her in a Marrakesh marketplace. Van Warmerdam's camera moves around the circle of faces, largely those of men and boys, who all watch her intently. The motion of her lens is reenacted in the gallery, for the projector gradually revolves and carries these life-size images of the crowd round the walls of the room.

The effect is oddly mesmeric. After a while, the ranks of Moroccans begin to look predatory as they circle, endlessly and expectantly. And we, standing near the projector, find ourselves placed in the artist's position as the assembled faces seem to stare at us with voyeuristic fascination.



"A desire to slow down the expectations we normally bring to film viewing": part of the American Liisa Roberts's 16mm film installation, *Trap Door*

Sadie Benning, by contrast, trains the lens on herself. She invites us into a small, enclosed and stuffy space with viewing benches provided. The surroundings seem designed to prepare viewers for a confessional experience, and Benning does not disappoint.

Astonishingly, this precocious Illinois-based artist made *It Wasn't Love* with a toy video camera when she was only 19. Concentrating for the most part on her own face performing a variety of male and female roles, she produces the equivalent of a diary. It is supposed to record the development of her first lesbian affair, but the incessant play-acting makes clear that the story is only a fantasy.

Benning uses disco and movie soundtrack music with wry and witty briskness, heightening the impact of a work already made urgent by the starkness of the video's raw, bleached-out quality. She also intercuts, without warning, clips from 1950s Hollywood films: family "problem" pictures and gangster massacres, which blend uneasily with the cute lyrics of songs such as the rock'n'roll standard *A Teenager in Love*.

Whether brandishing an aggressive cigar or pouting at the lens, Benning is the star of her own show. But a well-developed sense of irony prevents her from descending into an outrageous display of adolescent egotism.

The most powerful contribution of all comes last. In Moma Oxford's largest gallery, Tony Oursler's *System for Dramatic Feedback* explores the gulf between cinematic excitement and the frustration of lonely lives. On the end wall, a film of a movie audience presides over the entire space. These faces, alternating between dimly lit obscurity and brilliant illumination exploding from the invisible screen, are enthralled. Ramming popcorn into their mouths, the people in the front row seem to bask in communal enjoyment.

The rest of Oursler's installation, though, is bitterly devoid of pleasure. In one corner, a tiny doll-like figure stands behind a video projector which beams a screaming head on to the dummy. Towards the centre of the room, another hapless inmate sprawls on the floor, bottom stuck in the air. A video-projected hand spanks it repeatedly, and the same kind of meaningless aggression links two larger dummies near by. One, suspended upside-down like the dangling man in Julien's film, constantly hits a neighbour's face with a fist.

Each of the people in Oursler's asylum-like arena seems doomed to repeat a futile action. They are all trapped in numbing isolation, and the mood becomes even more desolate when we encounter two white spheres hovering in space. Both of them are animated by projected images of eyes, enlarged so much that minute sequences from a TV game show can be seen mirrored in their pupils.

The gathering sense of desperation is summed up by a figure unable to do anything except rest his bloated, twitching face on the floor. Paralysed by loneliness, he gives the lie to the sensation of wellbeing savoured on the end wall by the audience in the cinema's dark and deceptive interior.

● Scream and Scream Again: Film in Art, *is at Moma Oxford (01865 722733) until Sept 22*

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Stark visions from the belly of an industrial dinosaur

Charlotte Mullins

on how images of Bankside power station have been assembled for posterity

The disused Bankside power station, due to open as the fourth branch of the Tate Gallery in the year 2000, is currently being stripped of all industrial residue. During 1995, shortly before this removal process began, four artists — Dennis Creffield, Anthony Eyton, Deanna Petherbridge and Thomas Struth — were asked by the Tate Gallery to enter the building and work within the soaring interior, recording the soon-to-be-forgotten details of the monolithic building.

Their findings, coupled with commissioned works by Catherine Yass and Terry Smith, are now on display at the South London Gallery in an exhibition called *Inside Bankside*.

Catherine Yass entered the space this year and reveals, with her signature photographic process, the later stages of decommissioning. Inky blue light saturates the images, reversing daylight to its negative, while the rest of the image retains the clarity and detail of a positive print. With its girdered hall and vertical ribbon-windows, Bankside has been transformed in these images into the post-industrial equivalent of a cathedral, a modern-day foil for St Paul's on the opposite bank of the Thames.

Inside Bankside power station, as seen by the German photographer Thomas Struth

Unlike the artists originally commissioned, who simply recorded the process of change, Terry Smith chose, as always, to engage directly with the site, working into the walls, with his work being photographed for the exhibition by Richard Glover. By scraping plaster from interior office walls, Smith looked at the private side of the site, exploring the past life of the building through the traces of what had been left behind.

Of the work by artists originally commissioned, Anthony Eyton's lurid oil painting *The Turbine Hall* shows the (by now) standard view of the interior, from the same angle from which it is viewed by Yass. Unlike Yass's photographs, which touch on the ideology behind the transformation that is underway, Eyton records the site as is, a vibrant high-colour still from a biopic of Bankside, complete with semi-dismantled machinery and the intriciate support system — stairs, pipes, chains — that once ran the length of the open structure like metal cobwebs.

Deanna Petherbridge's careful series of six sepia watercolours take much the same line within her own preferred medium, as do the surprisingly beautiful photographs by Thomas Struth, who has turned redundant machine parts into amorphous arrangements for the camera. Dennis Creffield's vigorous charcoal sketches depict little of the physical site, concentrating on the sense of scale and loftiness, conveyed through strong black scribbles overlaid with stronger lines pointing up, up, up.

As historic documentation the works on show are invaluable, depicting the infrastructure and machinery of the building's industrial past. Yet it is only the works commissioned from Yass and Smith by the South London Gallery with the London Arts Board that reveal much in the way of experimentation, originality and vigour.

● *South London Gallery, 65 Peckham Road, London SE5 (0171-703 6120) until August 18*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

Insiders have known for some time that the photographs of Larry Clark exerted a potent influence on film-makers like Martin Scorsese and Gus Van Sant. The images of derelict youth in his first book, *Tulsa* (1971), were grainy black-and-white, and had a wilfully documentary air. Recently things have changed dramatically. Clark has made his own first feature film, *Kids*, and created a media storm with it.

As the exhibition of the same name at the Photographers' Gallery now indicates, his still images have burst into colour too. The first temptation is to say that they are less documentary than before. But that is probably a lingering prejudice connected with the idea that black-and-white is real and earnest, and colour automatically glossy and artificial. It is also the case, though, that the world of the "skateboard generation" Clark now depicts is in itself more self-conscious, better able to present itself and its own styles to the camera. The pictures in *Kids*, the exhibition, document quite consciously the images that the kids are knowingly manufacturing for themselves; the truth in them may not be unvarnished, but nonetheless it is there.

Clark clearly prefers to photograph good-looking lads — there are virtually no girls in this world, which, again, may well be perfectly accurate — and the results often look like trendy fashion ads. Taken in conjunction with *Kids*, the movie, their subtext may be truly alarming. Or they may indicate that these young people are more in control, even of their vices and addictions, than their elders dare to think possible.

The other major show at the Photographers' Gallery also has strong cinematic connections. Philip-Lorca diCorcia calls his latest pictures *Hollywood*, and they are like very glossy stills from an unmade movie. They are, he insists, fictional, even if the people who appear in them are hand-picked off Santa Monica Boulevard, and include hustlers, drifters and junkies; it is left up to us to decide (if we will) which are which.

They are photographed in carefully selected or constructed interiors, usually betokening vacuity or aridity: we are always told the basic facts about them (including how much they were paid for the session), but otherwise everything is left to our imagination. Curiously, the genesis of this series was in a funding condition that diCorcia's next work was guaranteed not to be obscene.

The Photographers' Gallery, 5 & 8 Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-831 1772) Clark until Aug 31, diCorcia until Sept 7

☐ Monoprints are frequently perceived as perverse and affected: why, after you have made the original painting in oils, watercolour or whatever, transfer it to another piece of paper, when, as the name indicates, you end up with a unique image anyway? Few artists can give a logical answer to that, but the fascination of the textures produced by the process are undeniable. The makers of monoprints in Jill George's current show certainly all strongly evidence a compulsion to work in the medium, and produce an extraordinary variety of effects from the same basic technique.

The prints of Fraser Taylor upstairs are brightly coloured and hover on the brink of abstraction, evoking water, architectural details and shadowy figures with consummate ease and confidence.

Downstairs it is more like Artists of Fame and Promise: several of the most striking are still in art school or only just out. The two most distinctive, Victoria Bartlett and Alexandra d'Agnolo, are both interested in the spectral human figure. Bartlett puts her principal character, Pegdoll, in different settings, but all her prints are fantasies in very pale greenish-grey and white, usually looking more like, say, sculptures in poured paper or frottages than any kind of transfer print. D'Agnolo's prints seem to employ a lot of burning or singeing in their creation: indeed they look most like a species of sophisticated pokerwork applied to infernal (as in Dante) conglomerations of writhing naked bodies. The images of both are hauntingly uncomfortable.

Jill George Gallery, 38 Lexington Street, W1 (0171-439 7343) until Aug 16

☐ In "Internal State" Charlotte Gibson, 27, exhibits photographs and paintings together on absolutely equal terms. The sources of inspiration, too, are the same: her ultimate fascination with the 17th-century house in which she grew up is transferred into doll's house terms, all the images deriving from arrangements of objects she has made within the spaces of a particular doll's house. This gives rise to much deliberate ambiguity of scale and perspective. Cuteness is rigorously avoided; indeed, one would probably not know that a doll's house was involved unless told. And the juggling with space is highly sophisticated, producing ghostly out-of-focus photographic prints and darkling, intensely coloured still-lifes which raise more questions than they answer.

Rocket Gallery, 13 Old Burlington Street, W1 (0171-434 3043) until Oct 12

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

■ FILM

After years of all talk and no action, the Government looks ready to lend a hand to the UK film industry

■ THEATRE 1

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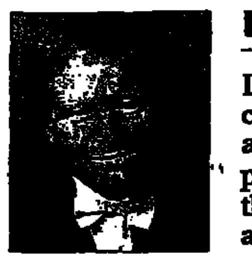
Companies from around the world parade their productions at an international festival in Portugal



■ PROM

Leonard Slatkin conducts an exciting all-American programme with the BBC Symphony at the Albert Hall

Hollywood GB? It could be true

Geoff Brown says the British film industry should not greet any lottery boost too warmly

Imagine the scene. Mystic Meg does her predictions. The coloured balls roll out the winning numbers. A muscleman in a loincloth, on loan from the Rank Organisation, strikes the gong as the television presenter shrieks the good news: "And £10 million of public money goes to *Rambo versus Lawrence of Arabia*, the new film from Stallone-Britannia (UK) Ltd, to be made at Pinewood with a Hollywood cast but the best British technicians and the best British sand."

Is this the future of British film financing? It could be, to judge by the mixed bag of recent news. In the year since the Government announced a scheme to fund films through the National Lottery — Downing Street's first major statement of film policy in ten years — industry observers have been quick to point to anomalies and fuzzy criteria. Then, two weeks ago, Virginia Bottomley, holder of the Government's film purse strings, jetted to Los Angeles with a bomb in her luggage. She dropped it at the Motion Picture Association of America in a speech on July 25.

She wanted to make it easier, she said, for Hollywood companies to establish British offshoots to make their films, as well as co-productions. As part of the process, the Government would reexamine the legal definition of a British film company. With the legal footwork done, therefore, there would seem to be nothing to stop Sylvester Stallone establishing his company, *Stallone-Britannia*, putting in a funding application, and, if the gods smiled on him, making his testosterone specials at Pinewood with lottery loot.

No sooner had this bizarre prospect emerged than another bomb — if one of a more benign nature — exploded. Last Friday, we learnt the broad thrust of the report prepared by the National Heritage Department's advisory committee on film finance, chaired by the investment banker Peter Middleton. The 16-strong committee had been looking at ways to rejig the current lottery scheme and stimulate private investment in the film industry.

Most unusually, the committee's proposals were in line with several nostrums regularly touted by the industry itself. There should be tax concessions to ease film production costs and encourage foreign artists to work in Britain. (Ireland did this, and saw film investment rise 100 per cent between 1992 and 1994.) Middleton's committee also suggested that the industry move towards the old-style "vertically integrated" companies that combined the functions of a production studio, distributor and exhibitor. That way, any film that emerges from a studio would never need to fight for commercial exposure and the box-office receipts that followed. (The flipside to these monster companies can be put in a single word: monopoly.)

> ‘What one government gives, another government removes’

But before our film grandees dance in the streets, notes of caution should be struck. An advisory committee advises, but only government disposes. While we wait for the future to emerge, let us see if history teaches anything about government participation in the British film industry. One thing is clear: it is a risky business. What one government gives, another removes; and no film industry can sustain itself by leaning hard on Whitehall money. No industry, similarly, should put its faith in Hollywood. American film-makers always come to Britain, and they always leave, fuelling a cycle of boom and bust. It happens every decade.

Even if government stays steadfast, its plans only rarely have the desired effect. Fate plays a trick, or wily film companies take advantage of Whitehall naivety. Take the 1927 Cinematograph Films Act, which proposed to shore up an industry already struggling against American imports. The Act fixed a yearly percentage of British films which cinemas were bound to exhibit, and which producers and distributors had to offer for rental. Sounds good? You just wait.

Companies soon found ways of fulfilling the law's letter, but not its spirit. One American-owned outfit was brought to court for offering *Code of the Air*, a Canadian-made film whose sole British employee was its canine star, Silverstreak.

The legislators' decision to determine an eligible British film by financial, not artistic, criteria encouraged some producers to spend the bare minimum. Thus the "quota quickies" were born: lowly films made in a fortnight that gave some employment to rising talent, but scarcely dignified the industry or supplied ammunition to fight off the Americans.

Another classic instance of intentions backfiring was the epic fight with the Americans over import duty in the post-war years, when Britain suffered a severe dollar shortage. In August 1947, Clement Attlee's Labour Government slapped a 75 per cent ad valorem tax on all incoming American films. America responded by imposing a boycott, denying Britain any new releases. Our cinemas and studios were unprepared to fill the gap. Eight months later: climbdown. The duty was withdrawn, and arrangements made for America's frozen earnings to be partly invested in quasi-British productions such as MGM's *Knights of the Round Table*, one of many swashbucklers made at Borehamwood. It was a move that only weakened our industry's ability to stand on its own feet.

The pitfalls have continued whenever government gave the industry direct or indirect subsidies. Here again, Attlee's Government was busy. During 1949-50, the newly established National Film Finance Corporation financed films as varied as *The Third Man* and *Old Mother Riley Headmistress*. Some success here: indeed, the NFFC enjoyed wobbly government support until 1985. But there was little success with a provision to encourage fresh talent through a company called Group 3. Most films were feeble. Producers operating without subsidies resented them, and distributors gave them a very hard ride. The scheme died after five years in 1955.

By this time a sturdier subsidy scheme was in place: the Eady Levy, named after the Treasury official who nursed it into a life that lasted until Margaret Thatcher's axe fell in 1985. Eady proposed that a percentage of box-office takings be ploughed back into a production fund. The snag was that Eady loot was parcelled out to a producer on a scale to match the producer's own box-office takings; thus the more successful a producer was, the more Eady money he or she received. The Britishness of the films in question became another problem: sometimes Eady beneficiaries were Americans whose films were British only on paper.

Which brings the wheel round to the Government's present film scheme, organised through the National Lottery. Any company resident in Britain can apply for money through the regional arts councils. You must have other financing in place, and the project must "promote the public good" (hear that, Stallone?). You get good points, too, for employing disabled people. Applications are vetted by several committees of professionals; the arts council concerned then deliberates, and awards the money film by film (usually no more than £1 million).

Some industry complaints about the scheme have been contradictory. One person worries that, without a completion bond, some films may never be made, but they will still have lottery money locked inside them. Another suspects that the insistence that other finance be in place weights the winners towards films that would probably get made anyway, and leaves untried talent out in the cold. The strongest complaint, however, concerns the difficulty of gauging the arts councils' criteria when they make their decisions film by film, and refuse funding without explanation. They don't call it a lottery for nothing.

Still, after so many years of barren words, the spectacle of a Conservative Government lending even a palsied hand to the British film industry is something to behold. The trouble is, the film industry is not the same thing as British cinema. *Judge Dredd* is not *Secrets & Lies*. The industry — the studios, the workforce — may well find a salvation of sorts in the Hollywood-style bonanzas that fill Pinewood and Shepperton. Truly indigenous British cinema, however, must fight for life more fiercely than ever.

Fun and quirky

SUNDAY brought an all-American mini-festival to the Proms, with two concerts devoted to American music. But only the second had a festive feel: **Leonard Slatkin's** programme with the **BBC Symphony Orchestra**, an exciting mixture of six works, all new to the Proms.

Slatkin's concert was centred around two concertos, if that label can be given to Copland's Organ Symphony. The piece is dominated by a demanding organ part, and Simon Preston was the brilliant soloist here. The potentially sprawling score needs a tight performance to succeed, and here the niggling Scherzo and bright silvery cascades of the convulsive finale were all disciplined. This early Copland (1924), is full of recognisable fingerprints: desolate, winding music and a *Rodeo*-like episode.

John Adams's Violin Concerto is equally engaging, and demands the almost unbroken virtuosity that it receives from the soloist Ernst Kovacic. It is mechanical in places, but far removed from rigid minimalism. In the first movement the violinist spins flights of fancy over a murmuring accompaniment. The composer conjures up a haunting dreamscape in the slow, central Chaconne, and another repetitive Baroque form is recycled in the frenetic Toccare.

London Adventist Chorale
BBC SO/Slatkin
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Ives was featured at the start. First came his irreverent *Variations on America* (aka *God save the Queen*), originally an organ piece but here orchestrated by William Schuman; then two reconstructions by Gunther Schuller of Ives's sketches for *The General Slocum* and *The Yale-Princeton Football Game*. The BBCSO was augmented by big-band instruments for Duke Ellington's *Harlem*. With Slatkin swinging it, this tightly-packed tone poem brought the concert to an exhilarating end.

Alas, exhilaration was what the **London Adventist Chorale's** afternoon concert lacked. Two items on the unvaried programme gave the choir little chance to shine: excerpts from Randall Thompson's cantata *The Peaceable Kingdom*, written in 1936, and Shelton H. Kilby III's turgid *Who Has Set Thy Glory*, receiving its premiere. The choir's wonderfully sonorous sound, the rhythmic punch of its lower voices and controlled soft singing were better revealed in the spirituals that made up the rest of the programme.

JOHN ALLISON

THEATRE: Cartographers divide and rule in Dublin; priapic monks meet star-crossed lovers and shameless bedfellows in Portugal

Map makers lose their way

REVISIONIST views of Brian Friel's *Translations* have tended to paint the play as a brazen piece of anti-colonial propaganda, with the playwright blithely distorting the facts for political impact.

While that view offers something of a balance to the adulation with which the original 1980 Field Day production was received, Friel's frighteningly allusive assessment of the psychic impact of making maps remains a rich and fascinating text.

When a group of British sappers come to Friel's imaginary land of Ballybeg to make a new map of the lands thereabouts, they are greeted with varying degrees of hostility and incomprehension by the locals.

Maire (Ali White) is attracted to the aristocratic glamour of a British officer, and Hugh (Kenneth Haigh), the local classicist, speaks civilly to the interlopers, but off stage all is hostility. A little girl spits at the soldiers, the mysterious Donnelly twins seem to have caused harm to another, while those schooled in ancient history barrack the invaders with classical allusions.

Face to face, the differences of language provide some useful lagging between the soldiers and the peasantry. This linguistic buffer allows the powerfully symbolic act of map-making to fade into the background, its ominous rumblings drowned out in the deafening hum of the thatched cottage of babel.

In the Abbey's current fuzzy production, director Robin Lefevre misses out on most of the excitement Friel finds in the dickering of languages at the colonial market. If anything, the production diminishes Friel's intricate sets of balanced and mirrored characters.

Translations
Abbey, Dublin

Philip Glenister's carefully insipid and wrongheaded English officer, George, is ill matched by Lloyd Hutchinson's charismatic turncoat, Owen, while Ali White's Maire is equally befuddled by the stuttering soldier.

Kenneth Haigh and Derry Power come close to pulling off the unlikely comic double act of the poteen-soaked classical scholar and his bumpkin pupil, a man presently considering a marriage proposal from the goddess Athena.

Too often, however, characters remain distractingly insubstantial, a fairly elementary fault with this play. Friel offers so much in terms of dramatic intelligence — elaborate ideas, layered illusions, marbled irony and a flashing game of linguistic pinball — that it seems a modest demand that a director balance the verbal energy with a sense that there is something physical at stake here.

Lefevre's production offers little in this direction. Even as the characters tramp about Julian McGowan's stodgy and over-explicit set, there is little sense that linguistic conflict is just one part of a battle that also involves bodies and blood and fields and rivers.

Pace is a constant problem, but even in its moments of greatest agitation, the production remains too flat: too much like a map, and too little like a landscape.

LUKE CLANCY

Acts of the world unite

The town of Almada stands across the straits of the River Tagus from Lisbon, sloping up from its shipyard to a gigantic statue of Christ the King, arms outretched, on top of the hill. Lying on the route south to the Algarve, it cannot avoid being something of a dormitory town for Lisbon, but it is also that rarity in Western Europe — and in Eastern Europe, these days — a communist municipality. The red flag comes a poor second on the streets to the red-and-green national flag, but it's there all right, proudly displaying its hammer and sickle as if the events of 1989 had never happened.

"This is a very *Portuguese* communism," people explain, and I am fortunately not required to distil the essence of their explanation because my reason for being here, in temperatures that hit 90 on the cool days, is the Festival Internacional de Teatro, now in its 13th year.

The career of the festival director, Joaquim Benite, began 25 years ago when he founded an amateur group in Lisbon. The amateur sector is still a potent force in Portuguese theatre, but during the Salazar regime it offered one of the few platforms for political and social criticism. Benite's group excited the inevitable controversies, suffered from censorship but survived until the 1974 Revolution when, in the turmoil of the times, it lost its theatre.

For a while the group performed in clubs until one happy day the municipality of Almada invited its members over the water to present their work in the town's covered market. Eighteen years ago the group, now the Companhia de Teatro de Almada, turned the market building into a proper theatre. Five years later the first out-of-town companies were invited to take part in a small festival.

Nowadays the festival lasts for two weeks, and this year the town was host to visiting companies from Spain, France, Italy, Greece, England, not to mention others from South America, New York, Japan and Mozambique. Performances begin late in the evening and two of the venues are in the open air, marvellously warm and mysteriously free of mosquitoes.

Gil Vicente created Portuguese drama virtually single-handed in the early 1500s (he was born a century before Shakespeare). We know few of his plays over here, and knew even fewer before the Gate introduced us last winter to *The Boat Plays*, his eschatological trilogy in which angel and devil settle the fate of the newly dead.

The sombre tone of *The Boat Plays* had not prepared me for the farcical events of *Razões e Corações* (Reasons and Hearts), two Vicente plays about the troublesome effects of love, presented by the host theatre in a production that frequently tours to schools. It is impossible to imagine that in this country such a production could include a giant phallus as the set, or a monk (or anyone!) whose troublesome member goes up and down depending on who is talking to him. The plays were continuously funny.

Razões e Corações: 16th-century humour undiminished

Lisbon's Teatro Meridional, with a cast of three male actors, performed *Romeu*, a version of *Romeo and Juliet* told exclusively from the point of view of Romeo and a couple of his friends (Benvolio, Mercutio) with occasional interference from two doddering friars.

The main thrust was comic but the characters were isolated, singly or in pairs, in pools of light upon an otherwise totally black stage, stepping into view like figures from a dream.

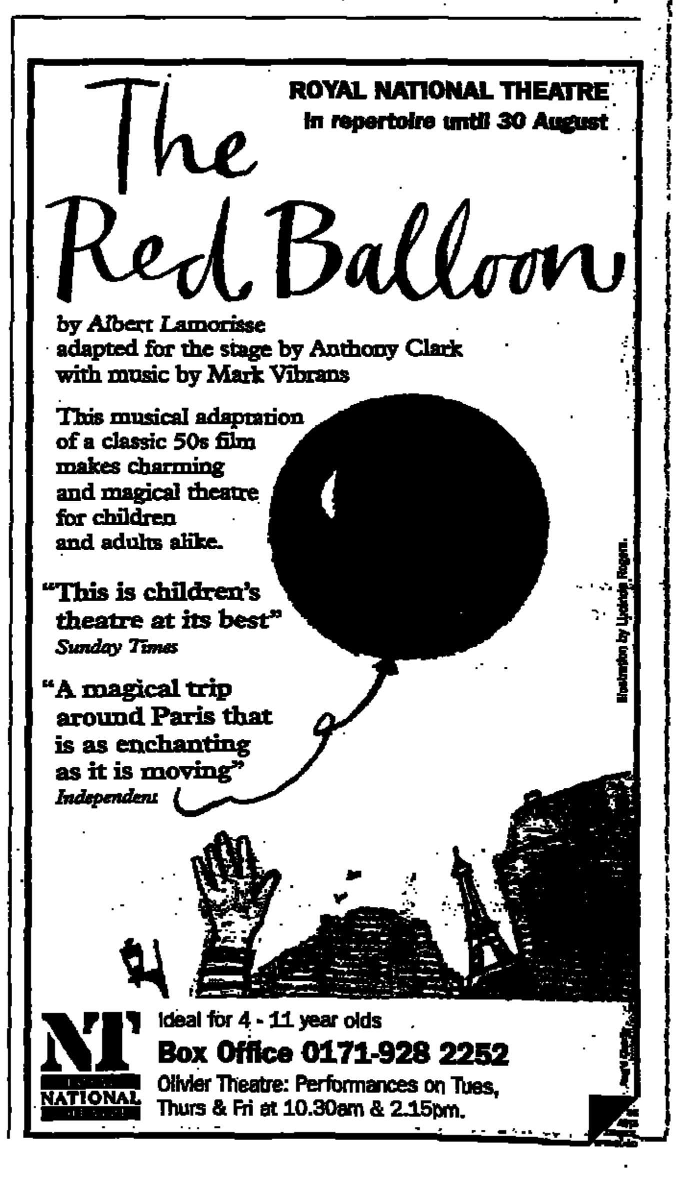
From Mozambique came a tempestuous tale of multiple infidelity, *A Noite Somos Todos Primos* (At Night We Are All Cousins), in which all the discovered lovers attempt to avoid retribution by claiming they are just cousins. Soon everyone is a cousin and I must admit to losing my way almost immediately in the ramifying false families. Performances by the Gungulinho company from Maputo combined argumentative naturalism with surrealist imagination, notably in the abattoir scenes in which one actor, playing a carcass, is vividly slaughtered.

I am patriotically pleased to report that *Shameless* by our own Opera Circus was received with shouts of approval. Four actor-singers, accompanied by a proud pianist, sang a warning tale to the music of many well-known arias, writhing in and around an astonishing elastic bed honeycombed with secret entrances.

The humans were great but the bed was out of this world. Kate Bassett, reviewing the company last year, evidently wrote, "Um grande salto em frente para a ópera."

You can't say fairer than that.

JEREMY KINGSTON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■ CHOICE 1

Peter Maxwell Davies conducts his Sixth Symphony with the RPO

VENUE: Tonight at the Albert Hall

■ CHOICE 2

West End previews begin for Catherine Rabett in *Dial 'M' for Murder*

VENUE: Tonight at the Apollo Theatre

THE TIMES ARTS

■ CHOICE 3

Tim Flavin stars in the Gershwin musical comedy *Crazy for You*

VENUE: Tonight at the Mayflower, Southampton

■ MUSIC

Mikhail Pletnev wanted his own orchestra, so he founded one. Now he is bringing it to the Proms

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96. Sir Peter Maxwell Davies conducts the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** in the London premiere of his Sixth Symphony. The otherwise Scandinavian programme includes Nielsen's *Helios Overture*, plus *Lemminkainen's Return* and the Violin Concerto by Sibelius, played by Tasmin Little who delighted the audience at the 1995 Last Night.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm.

DIAL "M" FOR MURDER: Peter Davison and Catherine Rabett in Frederick Knott's classically ingenious thriller, dating from the days before the all-digit phone number.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens Aug 13, 8pm. Then Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, and Sat, 5pm.

FERRY 'CROSS THE MERSEY: Gerry and the Pacemakers, singing the story of, yes, Gerry and the Pacemakers, who had their first No 1 hit one month before the Beatles.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Previews begin tonight. Opens Aug 12, 7pm. Then Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Until September 7

ELSEWHERE

CHICHESTER: Harriet Walter in the title role of Ibsen's **Hedda Gabler**. The fine cast includes David Threlfall, Roy Marsden and Nicholas le Prevost. Lindy Davies directs.
Minerva Studio, Oaklands Park (01243 781 312). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.45pm. Until August 17.

EDINBURGH: Traverse Theatre presents the first of two productions on the eve of the Festival. **The Architect**, last winter's runaway success returns: Alexander Morton in the title role of David Greig's play exposing the human cost of modern architecture. Directed by Philip Howard, the company's incoming Artistic Director.
Traverse, Cambridge Street (0131-228 1404). In preview tonight, 7pm, and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Aug 9, 2pm

HARROGATE: An outstanding evening of dance in the company of **Peter Schaufuss and Friends**. Featuring extracts from Sir Frederick Ashton's production of *Romeo and Juliet* and scenes from Schaufuss's new full-length ballet, *Hamlet*, making its British premiere. Choreography by the celebrated 19th-century Dane August Bournonville completes the programme.
International Centre (festival box office 01423 565 757). Tonight, 8pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: Tickets are selling fast for the award-winning West End production of the spectacular Gershwin musical **Crazy for You**. Tim Flavin stars in this romantic comedy, set in the 1930s, featuring tunes such as *I Got Rhythm* and *Someone to Watch Over Me*. Directed by Mike Ockrent, who also directed *Me and My Girl*.
Mayflower, Commercial Road (01703 711 811). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Until August 31 Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: 20th-century Chinese Painting: Tradition and Innovation (0171-636 1555) . . **Design Museum**: Treasures of Faberge (0171-378 6055) . . **Leighton House**: The Leighton Open: The Kensington and Chelsea Artists' Exhibition (0171-602 3316) . . **Llewellyn Alexander**: Not the Royal Academy (0171-620 1322) . . **National Gallery**: Degas: Beyond Impressionism (0171-747 2885) **National Portrait Gallery**: Assembling the Family (0171-306 0055) . . **Redfern Gallery**: Summer Exhibition (0171-734 1732) . . **Royal Academy**: Roger de Grey (0171-439 7438) . . **Tate**: Leon Kossoff (0171-887 8000) **V & A**: William Morris (0171-938 8500) **Whitechapel:** The Open (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

◩ **BY JEEVES:** *Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised*
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **THE DECAMERON:** A selection from Boccaccio's treasure-house of erotic tales, some happy, some bloody, nicely acted by Nick Ward's young cast.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until August 17

☐ **EMMA:** Last of Jane Austen's six novels to be dramatised for stage, cinema or television in the past 12 months. Michael Fry's adaptation adds the artful framework of a bossy girl who stages a play about the bossy heroine.
King's Head, Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. Until August 11

☐ **MARTIN GUERRE:** *The latest Boublil and Schonberg musical, set to follow the success of Les Mis and Miss Sai*. Declan Donnellan directs a cast led by Iain Glen and Juliette Caton.
Prince Edward, Old Compton St, W1 (0171-447 5400). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

☐ **MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL:** Performed in Romanian, but to judge by Art-Inter Odeon's last production seen here, the magnificent *Richard III*, with the same director and actor (Mihai Maniutiu, Marcel Iures), language will be no bar to a powerful experience.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Then Tue-Sat, 8pm. Last week; until August 10

☐ **THE ODD COUPLE:** Jack Klugman and Tony Randall in an enjoyable revival of Neil Simon's comedy.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, and Sat, 5pm Ⓢ

☐ **THE PHOENICIAN WOMEN:** Katie Mitchell's engrossing production of Euripides from last year's Stratford season; highly praised playing by Lorraine Ashbourne, Lucy Whybrow.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. In rep

☐ **THE RED BALLOON:** Anthony Clark's skilful and enchanting stage version of the 1950s French film. Ruari Murchison creates a lovely set.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Today, 10.30am and 2.15pm. In rep

☐ **A SMALL WORLD:** Roland Rees directs a new Mustapha Matura's play, set in a Brooklyn bar where a couple from Trinidad remember their reasons for leaving.
Southwark Playhouse, 62 Southwark Bridge Rd, SE1 (0171-620 3494). Previews today and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Aug 8. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm

☐ **3Ms BEHAVING:** *The 3 singers from Ain't Misbehavin' — Debby Bishop, Dawn Hope, Melanie E. Marshall — in a programme of fave jazz and blues*
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Now previewing, Tue-Sat (not Aug 9), 10pm; from Aug 12, 8pm. Opens Aug 14, 7pm

☐ **TWO BOYS IN A BED ON A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT:** James Edward Barker's Off-Broadway play about the dynamics of the one-night stand.
Arts, Great Newport St, WC2 (0171-836 3334). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9pm. Until September 7.

☐ **THE YELLOW WALLPAPER:** Patricia Boyer and Tobias Burns in a stage adaptation of this remarkable 1890 novel by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, tracing a wife's journey into madness. Directed by Judith Roberts.
New End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-794 0022). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mat Sun, 4pm. Until August 11.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . ◩ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) ☐ **Jolson**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) . . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BLOOD SIMPLE (18): Welcome revival of the Coen brothers' debut feature, made in 1983; a film noir homage made with cold-blooded verve. With John Getz and Frances McDormand.
Gate (0171-727 4043) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

◆ **FLIPPER** (PG): A surly teenager unbends with a dolphin. Unimaginative family film, with Elijah Wood and Paul Hogan. Director, Alan Shapiro.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914 098) **Plaza** (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888 990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH** (U). Mistreated James finds his feet in a peach voyaging across the Atlantic. Excellent animated version of Roald Dahl's book. Director, Henry Selick.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **West End** (01426-915 574) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

LA REGLE DU JEU (PG): New print of Renoir's 1939 masterpiece, a wonderful portrait of French society. With Marcel Dalio and Nora Gregor.
Riverside Studios (0181-748 3354)

CURRENT

DENISE CALLS UP (15): Lightweight, appealing lifestyle comedy from new American director Hal Salwen. With Alanna Ubach and Dan Gunther.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

◆ **EXECUTIVE DECISION** (15): Good, silly fun on a hijacked airliner, with Kurt Russell, Halle Berry, and a consignment of nerve gas. Produced by Joel Silver.
Warner (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME** (U): Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the cuddly and downbeat. Directors, Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE** (PG): Rousing set-pieces dwarf the stars, even Tom Cruise's special agent, in this enjoyable revival of the television series. With Jon Voight and Emmanuelle Béart. Director, Brian De Palma.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Empire** (0990 888 990) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888 990) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888 990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **NELLY AND MONSIEUR ARNAUD** (PG): Claude Sautet's marvellously subtle tale about an older man and a younger woman, with Michel Serrault and Emmanuelle Béart.
MGM Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) **Riverside** (0181-741 2255)

◆ **TOY STORY** (PG): Computer-animated Disney delight with a cast of fretful toys. With the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. Director, John Lasseter.
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Conductor Mikhail Pletnev tells **John Allison** about musical life in new Russia

He knows the score

Mikhail Pletnev and his Russian National Orchestra will perform two concerts at the Proms this week

Moscow, well past midnight. The scene is the Great Hall of the Conservatory, one of the most hallowed spaces in the musical world. Mikhail Pletnev and his Russian National Orchestra are recording Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony, completing a cycle of the composer's symphonies soon to be released.

Late at night, when concerts have finished and there is little traffic on the rutted roads outside, the hall — with its warm and vibrant acoustics — makes an ideal recording venue. The session will continue until 3am, but nobody in this hard-working orchestra seems to mind: it is a private organisation with no ties to the state, and the energetic enthusiasm of its musicians contrasts starkly with everyday Russian attitudes. Stepping out into the night, I am immediately brought back to reality: floodlit, deserted Moscow gives the impression of a fairy tale gone horribly wrong.

In a country where apathy has spread even to concert audiences, attending a Russian National Orchestra performance is like going back into the past. Queues for tickets and full houses are regular occurrences, and the audiences — always including more children than in the West — listen intently, taking in every note. There is no need for Pletnev, an aristocratic, reserved conductor, to play to the gallery. Except that surprisingly few children attend the Proms, conditions ought to be familiar to him this week when he brings his orchestra to the Albert Hall.

Even with a powerful board of directors and major American sponsorship, the orchestra, which Pletnev founded in 1990, is very much his. But does Russia need another orchestra? "I didn't ask myself if there was this need. It was 'my' orchestra. If you are going to become a pianist you don't worry about whether the country needs another pianist, you just play the piano."

Most of Pletnev's views have this dispassionate clarity (he is not a man of unnecessary words), but here he elaborates: "Of course I had worked, and still work, with other orchestras, but it's not the same. You have to divide conductors into those who work as guests and those who have their own orchestras. With your own, you are dealing with the same personalities, building up a sound, thinking about a strategy — that's what's difficult, it requires experience of life. But once you get there you can really show what you feel about music."

Until perestroika opened up opportunities, such a venture would have been impossible even for Pletnev, already famous at home and abroad as a pianist in the great Russian tradition. All the orchestras were state-owned, their conductors were nominated by the government, and Pletnev was not a member of the Communist Party. But although the collapse of the Soviet Union made things possible, Pletnev is now competing in a very tough world, with formerly state-sponsored orchestras fighting for survival. But, "not a single one has closed down. In fact, they've multiplied like mushrooms. I have no idea what keeps them going, although touring helps. Most of them are boring, they exist in a country that has no brains. Such a rich country could have had a good economy, but instead it's poverty, constant struggle, constant stupidity. It's ruled by rude force, not sophisticated ideas."

In spite of its title, the Russian National Orchestra plays mostly in Moscow. Next month it will visit the cities of the Volga, travelling by boat, but, by and large, touring in Russia has become unviable. Most cities cannot afford to host the orchestra, the cost of accommodation has spiralled, and air fares have become too expensive. But it is "national" in the sense that it boasts some of the best players in Russia. A large proportion have been members since the start, many poached by Pletnev from the front desks of other orchestras.

With such players, it is not surprising that the orchestral sound has a special refinement, while remaining unmistakably Russian. "The tone of a Russian orchestra comes from its strings," Pletnev says. "The strings are always very full, very powerful — ideal for Russian music — and, if conducted the right way they can be good in anything, especially Beethoven. I don't care about traditions, but since I'm Russian I will probably make an orchestra sound Russian. I can learn from any conductor, even the worst ones — it's sometimes more important to know how not to do bad things. But my greatest idol is Rachmaninov: he was a genius, equal to Mozart. Some people might not agree, but I don't care."

> ‘I can learn from any conductor, even the worst ones’

Not yet 40, Pletnev is in demand around the world. He recently signed an exclusive recording contract with Deutsche Grammophon, and both live and on disc he has shown himself to be equally at home in a wide range of piano and orchestral repertory. (Unlike many of his compatriots, he is not sought mainly for his interpretations of Russian music — his playing of Scarlatti sonatas, for example, is unrivalled.) He also devotes time to composition, and in a thinly veiled attack on some of his colleagues says: "If you cannot compose, as a performer you can only become a great name but not a great musician. All great composers were performers, all great performers were composers; it's one thing. It doesn't matter how much they composed, if the pieces were published, or even if they weren't very good. What's important is that performers know the composition process. Performance is about recreating music, you have to feel you are the composer."

For a composer, Pletnev shows an unexpected lack of empathy with contemporary music. "Russian people are very sentimental, emotional and nostalgic, and modern works don't often touch these feelings. Interesting ideas are all very well, but they're too cool and objective to feed the Russian soul." This week's programmes mix Mozart and Haydn with 20th-century Russian music — Lyadov, Prokofiev, Shostakovich and Schnittke — but even about Schnittke, Pletnev is unenthusiastic. Unlike others, he does not see him as the inheritor of Shostakovich's mantle.

"He's written some good pieces, but they're not very attractive to me. Shostakovich's music has a very intense inner power. Schnittke's has theatrical power and effects, but no inner continuity. Schnittke writes pastiche. Shostakovich and Prokofiev wrote their own music. I think they were the last great Russian composers. Maybe I'm wrong — I'd love to be wrong."

● *Mikhail Pletnev conducts the Russian National Orchestra at the Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (0171-589 8212) on Thursday and Friday*

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Gary Slapper questions whether the provisions for child criminals do them justice

A law unto themselves?

Hostilities flared last week when the Court of Appeal ruled that the Home Secretary was wrong to have increased the sentence tariffs of the child killers of James Bulger.

The mother of James said that the lastest decision was "disgusting". The judgment of Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, emphasised that the proper punishment in any case should not be influenced by campaigns outside the legal process.

Jon Venables and Robert Thompson were sentenced in November 1993 to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure with a recommended tariff of eight years, a sentence that was increased to ten years by the Lord Chief Justice, and then to 15 years by Michael Howard. The Home Secretary appeared to have been influenced by a newspaper campaign (with large-scale public support) to raise the prison sentence, and the Court of Appeal stated that that could amount to "an interference with the administration of justice".

Children are treated in a very different way from adults in most aspects of life. Yet the way young children can be treated by the criminal justice system is, for many, highly inappropriate. A light that could be used in the darkness of some terrible event to shine on and incriminate parents, or a wider social failure, is shone instead on a deeply disturbed or pathological child as the focus of all evil.

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The innocent at play: children under ten in England and Wales are regarded as incapable of committing serious wrong

Recently several harrowing cases have raised the issue of how society and the legal system should respond to children who commit crimes. In June a 14-year-old boy from Coventry was jailed for 20 years for a vicious hammer attack on a woman who had made sexual advances towards him.

In the same month an 11-year-old boy who was found guilty of killing a pensioner by toppling a concrete slab from a height of 12 storeys onto her head was sent home under a three-year supervision order. He was said by witnesses to have roared with laughter when told by friends that someone had been hit.

A growing moral panic has been heightened by other developments. Last December the London headmaster Philip Lawrence was knifed to death outside his school after approaching a group of young people. In June a gang of youths walked into another nearby school and attacked pupils preparing to sit a GCSE exam with bottles and knives. In July a 13-year-old boy was charged with the murder of Jade Matthews, the nine-year-old girl found battered to death in Bootle, Merseyside, and the Shadow Home Secretary has advocated an after-dark curfew for all young children.

The minimum age of criminal responsibility is a quite arbitrary matter which most physicians, psychologists and anthropologists will readily admit has no basis in anything scientific. In the 17th century the age of presumptive criminal responsibility was arbitrarily set by Sir Edward Coke at 14. A child below that age accused of a crime could nevertheless be convicted if the prosecution could show with strong evidence that the child in fact had "mischievous discretion".

Until 1933 children as young as seven could be convicted of crimes if they were shown to have such discretion. The minimum age was raised by legislation to eight in 1933, and then to ten years in 1963. In Scotland, by contrast, normal criminal responsibility attaches to a child at the age of eight.

Today, therefore, a child under ten in England and Wales is regarded as doli incapax (incapable of committing serious wrong). A case can proceed against someone aged between ten and 14 provided that the prosecution can prove that the child knew that what he was doing was seriously wrong. Such proof must come from evidence other than that for the act in question.

In 1994 an adventurous Divisional Court dismissed the appeal of a Merseyside boy who had been 12 years old when convicted of the attempted theft of a motorcycle. The defence argued that the prosecution had failed to prove, in accordance with the *doli incapax* rule, that the child knew that what he was doing was seriously wrong.

> The way young children can be treated by the law is, for many, highly inappropriate

Mr Justice Mann said that the rule should no longer be part of the law because the prosecution was required to prove moral responsibility although it was moral irresponsibility that led to the crime. The rule arose to save children from being hanged and other severe punishments in an age when there was a very uneven delivery of education and socialisation.

Now that there is universal compulsory education, and a range of non-custodial disposals and treatments, it is argued, there is no need for the rule. Professor Glanville Williams has argued that the "knowledge of wrong" test stands in the way not of punishment but of educational treatment. "It saves the child not from prison, transportation, or the gallows, but from the probation officer, the foster parent, or the approved school."

The paradoxical result is, he says, that "the more warped the child's moral standards, the safer he is from the correctional treatment of the criminal law". Last year the House of Lords reinstated the rule as part of English law, arguing that as the rule was such a vexed social and political issue, it was properly a matter to be altered only by Parliament.

Any debate on legislation to change the law on this point will have several highly fraught questions to deal with. Should children who have done serious wrongs have to expiate their crimes by suffering? If the rule is abolished and the flow of child criminals to probation officers and care institutions is increased, will this lead to a drop in crime?

Child crime should be put in its proper context, so that new law and policy is not created in an unwarranted moral panic. Criminal statistics released by the Home Office last month show that there has been a fall both in the absolute number and the rate (per 100,000) of ten to 13-year-olds who commit notifiable offences. About 43,600 children in this age range were found guilty of crimes (largely property offences like theft), or cautioned, or dealt with by other means in 1985. Last year's figure had fallen to 34,200.

In the Court of Appeal last week, Lord Woolf and his colleagues accepted that retribution should play a part in the sentencing of juveniles like Venables and Thompson who are over the age of criminal responsibility. Retribution against children, however, is a highly contestable form of wisdom.

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A salutary lesson in palm tree justice

To hear a stipendiary magistrate calling for the appointment of lay justices sounds unlikely to say the least. It couldn't happen here, could it? No — you are right. It wasn't in this country where I heard such a revolutionary suggestion but on a small island in the Indian Ocean around 6,000 miles from the UK.

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It is an extraordinarily friendly place which has a lot to teach outsiders if they have the wit to learn. Imagine a society where going to see the magistrate may be a solution in itself. Imagine a society where the magistrate sets aside the first hour of court time to enable petitioners to come and talk about their problems. These can range from matrimonial upsets to arguments between neighbours: from complaints about the police to anxieties about recalcitrant children.

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These are not people who have started legal proceedings. They are petitioners hoping for advice and help which they hope will be sensible and constructive. And what's more, they don't have to pay for it.

The magistrate, in effect, behaves like a cross between the Citizens Advice Bureau and a district commissioner. As one magistrate put it: "I have been described as a grand sheriff." There are ten such "sheriffs" working in the district courts of Mauritius, the equivalent of our magistrates' courts. I was amazed not only at the speed of the proceedings but at the kindly common sense of the senior district magistrate himself.

Trained at the English Bar, he was both an excellent lawyer and a person who understood the problems of the people appearing before him. To one mother who asked him to take her daughter away because she was impossible to cope with, he replied that with five children himself he hadn't got room at home.

He would look into the problem. He arranged for a report to be produced from the probation service, which operates like our social services. As a result the girl was sent to the probation home for girls for a year. It may sound excessive, but it worked: both mother and daughter were satisfied.

The law in Mauritius is an amalgam of French and English law. As far as evidence and procedure are concerned it is based on English law while the substantive law is French. English Common Law fills any gaps and the Mauritian statutes are based on the English ones. In such a polyglot society it seems to work extremely well.

Nonetheless, the duties of the magistrates seem far more onerous than in this country. They deal with a mixture of civil and criminal cases, judicial inquiries and sometimes wear a coroner's hat as well. The people appearing before them will usually speak creole — a kind of pidgin French. Yet the magistrates have to write everything down in English, translating as they go along.

After hearing a mixture of cases we adjourned to the magistrate's chambers for the juvenile hearings, which are held in camera. There are no specially trained juvenile justices: the district magistrate hears all the cases. In a case where a boy had admitted stealing his stepmother's video recorder in order to hire it out to friends, the magistrate commended his entrepreneurial attitude, but told him that since it wasn't his to hire out he would have to pay a fine of 100 rupees — about £4. "If the stepmother had come to court to give the boy support I might have considered an absolute discharge," he said. This commonsense approach and dislike of punitive sentencing is the prevailing attitude on the island.

Capital punishment was abolished only last year and, although sentences can be lengthy — particularly for drug traffickers — possession of a small amount of a drug can carry a conditional discharge. However, it can become a real threat if the person fails to be of good behaviour. In one case a man said that he would rather go to jail than give a surety and report to the police three times a day. "I wanted him to stay and support his family," said the magistrate. "I know that sentencing a person sentences all those around him. It is far more important for a magistrate to be a person who understands what life is about than a lawyer who merely knows the law."

He of course is the magistrate who would like to see lay justices introduced to Mauritius. "They are usually older than the stipendiaries and have more tolerance with their greater experience of life. Such a system would be very good for us."

Nonetheless, the mixture of common sense and non-punitive attitudes in the courts has not resulted in a rise in crime. Crimes in the 11 to 17 age group dropped by well over a third between 1985 and 1994. The decline in reported offences among juveniles between 1981 and 1991 also went hand-in-hand with a decline in the use of custody.

Will we ever learn?

● *The author is an Inner London magistrate.*

OUTS

Legal golfer struck lucky

THE QUEEN'S guests may have been rushed to hospital recently after being struck by lightning, but Denis Reed, director of legal personnel at the London firm Stephenson Harwood, is made of sterner stuff. He was struck while playing golf at Stonyhill Golf Club in Essex. "Someone said they could see sparks flying from the top of my umbrella. A very powerful shock passed down my left side."

But far from going to hospital he went on to score par at the next four holes. "My colleagues all want to touch the corner of my jacket as I pass," he jokes.

Red, not flush

ROBERT SAYER, the self-confident former Law Society vice-president, has confessed that he used to be something of a shrinking violet when it came to discussing fees with his clients. Mr Sayer, who is to be the society's deputy treasurer, advises readers of *Legal Abacus*, the journal of the Institute of Legal Cashiers and Administrators, that they would do solicitors a favour by taking over billing. "It relieves them of something which many of them find embarrassing," he writes. "It is this embarrassment which prevents solicitors from being willing to discuss their fees with clients in advance. I used to share it. It is a mistake."

Sir Andrew: superstar

Show starters

FEW first-nighters at the Lyceum Theatre in the West End of London in November will appreciate the behind-scenes legal dealing that has gone into raising the curtain again after 57 years. Edge & Ellison negotiated with a consortium of 47 banks in helping Apollo Leisure to buy the Lyceum lease from Brent Walker. Then came complex negotiations for Apollo with Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Theatre Company to bring the multi-millionaire showman's production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* to reopen the theatre. More deals are in the pipeline, says Edge & Ellison.

Inn and out

OPENING night last week for *The Taming of the Shrew* at Lincoln's Inn was a sell-out — and the Inn afterwards held a barbecue. The open-air production by AANDBC Theatre Company was forced by rain into The Old Hall but by the second half they were back outside. The play runs for a month. For ticket details telephone 0171-403 6713.

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Rogues barred

THE Bar Council has plugged a gap in rules which left it powerless to take action recently against a barrister involved in "disreputable" behaviour before being called to the Bar. The case revealed a lacuna in the Bar's regulations. Until now applicants for call have had to confirm that they have not been convicted of a criminal offence or have criminal proceedings pending against them. But the declaration did not cover conduct which the authorities were yet to discover or "disreputable" behaviour.

Bleak future

CAN Norton Rose see into the future? The City law firm has just recruited the leading insolvency lawyer Hamish Anderson from Bond Pearce, of Bristol. Roger Birkby, managing partner, says: "The addition of another highly regarded expert in this field at this stage in the economic cycle will prepare us very well for the next upturn in the insolvency market." One man's upturn is another man's recession.

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New proposals to streamline civil justice may actually increase costs, **Michael Zander** believes

Woolf report in sheep's clothing

Lord Woolf's far-reaching plans for reform of the civil justice system have been widely welcomed — *acclaimed* would be more apt. Approval has come not only from the media, from consumer organ*isations* and the Lord Chancellor, but also from the legal profession, whose members will suffer financially from some of the recommendations. (One has heard the sound of teeth being gritted.)

To come forward with serious reservations about Lord Woolf's plans is therefore foolhardy. Woolf, *after* all, represents current political correctness. Nobody was ever especially glad to hear from Cas*sandra: obviously*, one will be ignored. Woolf is doomed to be implemented.

How could one be against the notion that a revolution is needed to bring down the cost, length and complexity of legal proceedings? Is it not churlish to decry Lord Woolf's seemingly admirable plans for the court to act as case-load manager, chivvying the parties to resolve their disputes cheaply and quickly?

One concern that has been widely voiced is that for the reforms to work substantial additional resources in the form, for instance, of extra judges and computer systems will be needed. It will be difficult, if not impossible, to wrest new resources from the Treasury on a sufficient scale to make the reforms viable. Even if the resources needed are forthcoming, I believe that the Woolf package will create *more* problems than it solves.

The main innovations concern so-called *fast-track cases (£3,000 to* £10,000) and multi-track cases (more than £10,000). For fast-track *cases the objective is to reduce costs* by having a streamlined procedure including an abbreviated trial, normally restricted to three hours, within 20 to 30 weeks.

Although the proposed streamlined procedure is designed to reduce costs, it will load new costs on all fast-track cases in which a defence is issued. The overwhelming majority of these cases would be settled anyway, so the new procedure will add to, rather than subtract from costs. Lord Woolf says that the cases *that will be* settled will progress more quickly and cheaply, but there is no evidence *for this and I do not* believe his view to be correct.

In cases in which the parties go to court the abbreviated trial and the (probably too low) ceiling on fees payable to lawyers will reduce the quality of justice for the litigant, and especially for individual litigants against the big battalions, such as corporations.

Lord Woolf wants his reforms to create a more level playing field between litigants. But the effect of this reform will be to deny individual litigants in proceedings against, say, insurance companies the benefit of the full range of lawyers' work to establish liability, and its extent.

The claimant normally wins and the other side then pays his costs. If the insurance company can only be made to pay a fixed and fairly low fee for the winner's costs, the lawyer *may not* be able to recover from the insurance company what *needs to be spent on the case.* That means either that the work will not be done or that it will be done and *the client will have to pay for it out* of his damages. Either way justice will not have been served.

THE REFORMS AT A GLANCE

Lord Woolf made the following recommendations on civil law:

☐ Litigation divided into fast-track cases (£3,000 to *£10,000)* and *multi-track* cases (more than £10,000).

☐ Fast-track cases will be subject to a streamlined procedure including an abbreviated trial, normally restricted to three hours, within 20 to 30 weeks.

☐ Sanctions to be imposed by judges in cases where lawyers fail to meet *strict deadlines.*

☐ Lawyers must make a precise pleading in a *statement of case.*

☐ Judges given discretionary powers to allocate the burden of costs at the end of the case by reference to the conduct of the parties.

For *most* individual *litigants, it* seems that the feeling that they have had a fair hearing is even *more important than* reducing delay and cost. Many litigants will feel that the short, sharp trial, usually limited to half a day, with restricted oral evidence, does not allow justice to be done or to be seen to be done.

In multi-track cases, the main concern is that the new system of Woolf-style court management will too often have exactly the opposite effect to that intended. It is designed to reduce costs and to knock the case into shape for the trial, if there is one. In cases that would have been settled early anyway, the extra costs for both the system and the litigant incurred through case management will be wasted.

For cases that go to trial, empirical studies suggest that court *management* tends to result in cases being more complex and taking longer.

It is difficult to share the belief that the judges will take to the *required culture change* — for instance by applying the firm sanctions that Woolf envisages for *non-compliance with the new rigid* timetabling required by court management. If the judges did impose *severe sanctions for the inevitable* failures by the lawyers to comply with deadlines, it will usually be the *litigants rather than the lawyers* who will be penalised.

The Woolf report is equally *implausible in its insistence that* lawyers should be precise in their pleadings (to be known as statements of case). Effective monitoring of this would call for immense court resources completely out of proportion to the value of the exercise.

The call for a new ethos of cooperation between litigation lawyers in the way they conduct litigation is another recommendation that seems as likely to succeed as spitting in the wind.

Most problematic of all are the immense and unprecedented new discretionary powers to be given at *every point to the judges — for* instance to allocate the burden of costs at the end of the case by *reference to the conduct of the* parties. The more discretion the judges wield, the greater the scope *for inconsistency toward litigants.*

SIMON WALKER

Lord Woolf: his plans have been praised, but will they work?

Lord Woolf says that court management should be effective *and consistent. It is predictable* that instead it will be ineffective and inconsistent. The absurdity is that while "everyone knows" that the system is in crisis and that "something must be done about it" there is no proper empirical evidence to document the nature or extent of the problems. Woolf-style reforms have been tried in the United States but again there is no empirical evidence that they are an improvement.

Lord Woolf has called for proper monitoring of the implementation of his reforms but the Lord Chancellor's Department *has* a *deplorable* record of introducing reforms and then neglecting to monitor the *results. One certainly cannot* be confident that proper research will be done.

The Woolf reforms will *not* work without a significant culture change from those who operate the *system at the grassroots level*, especially from ordinary solicitors, district and circuit judges — and their clerks. Given even the most favourable circumstances, achieving such a culture change poses almost insuperable problems.

The Walls of Jericho fell down at Joshua's trumpet, but Joshua's achievement looks simple by comparison with what Lord Woolf is expecting.

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Why the Yanks are coming over here

London law firms are chasing after top American lawyers, says **Catrin Griffiths**

American law firms are not the only poachers in town. Proof that the traffic between Wall Street and the City is not one way came last week when, after a long period of hesitation, Freshfields finally netted a big-name American partner: Tom Joyce, former head of Shearman & Sterling's London office.

Mr Joyce, aged 56, a senior figure with a strong record in European privatisation work, will join *Freshfields on September* 1. Freshfields also appointed Kent Rowey, Perkins Cole project finance partner, as its first American partner in London, in early July.

One reason Freshfields has decided to hire Americans is that it is probably the least active of its immediate competitors in global *equity offerings*, which usually involve sales of securities into the United States.

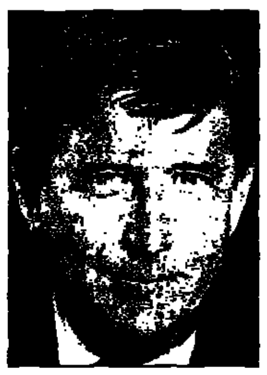
Mr Joyce says: "I'll be working to create a dual capability within the capital raising area, so that if there's a US law element we can advise." Similarly, projects are financed under either US or UK law, so the addition of Mr Rowey allows Fresh*fields to offer its* clients one-stop shopping in two key areas.

Anthony Salz, Freshfields' senior partner, says: "We used to try to do pitches for jobs working with a *variety of US firms* and *seek to* market an integrated team, but at the end of the day, clients just *seemed to prefer to go to one firm."*

Freshfields' decisive act comes not a moment too soon. Despite its *international aspirations, it has* lagged behind its closest rivals in hiring US lawyers. In London, Allen & Overy already boasts nine US lawyers; Linklaters & Paines has four US lawyers and eight trainees; and Clifford Chance four US lawyers, rising to eight at the end of the year. Mr Salz says: "Philosophically, I'm rather against lateral hires, but we needed to be able to respond."

Maurice Allen, who left Clifford Chance a year ago to set up the London office of the US firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges, and is an evangelist for the American cause, says: "This is all part of a continuing trend on the part *of UK firms* to concentrate their efforts on building up a US practice by having US lawyers in London, *and* not in the States. They can only genuinely compete with US firms through geographical convenience."

Cheque books aloft, the US firms have made the *running* up until now — hardly surprising given the greater profitability of the Wall Street firms. Even with Mr Joyce coming in at the top of the equity ladder at Freshfields — this year he was paid £420,000, according to the forthcoming *Legal Business 100* — most US partners thinking of joining a UK firm will have to contemplate a pay cut.



Tom Joyce: poached

Intriguingly, Mr Joyce also had discussions with Clifford Chance. But Freshfields, at the beginning of its US recruitment cycle, needed a frontman-cum-figurehead in a way that Clifford Chance did not. "It's good for Freshfields, and good for the market," says Michael Bray, Clifford Chance finance head. Will this put a stop to the persistent speculation that Freshfields will be the first *major* City practice to merge with a Wall Street firm? If it is building a home-grown *American practice*, why *should* it suffer the pain of a fully fledged merger?

A *number of Freshfields partners* — particularly the younger ones — argue that a transatlantic merger is *almost inevitable in the medium* term. Significantly, a Freshfields briefing note makes it clear that the firm *is* not going to practise American law in the US.

"We would not wish to preclude our ability to merge at a later stage if we think we need to do it," says Mr Salz, who has good relations with a number of US firms, such as Davis Polk & Wardell and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett. The door is still ajar.

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Law recruitment agencies are now springing up. **Edward Fennell** lists the qualities they must have to serve candidates and clients

How to capture a top legal eagle

The top end of the commercial legal market is enjoying a boom reminiscent of the late 1950s, and many of the best firms are now faced by staff shortages.

To plug the gap, legal recruitment consultancies and agencies have proliferated during the last year. It is reckoned that there are now about 60 organisations active in the UK market. One of the largest City law firms says that it is approached by a new agency "at least once a month".

The survival of many of these new consultancies will be a test of quality. They may be able to come up with plenty of candidates and spray CVs around the City, but can they *secure placements*?.

The chief problem facing all consultants is the mismatch between lawyers seeking new opportunities and vacancies available. Law firms are increasingly precise about whom they want to take on, especially at the higher levels, and would prefer not to recruit at all rather than have someone who does not fit their requirements.

The key challenge, therefore, lies in attracting the right candidates. In this respect the "brand name" is crucial. Firms such as Reuter Simpkin and Reynell which have been around the law business in one form or another for many years are at an advantage over "start-ups". It is also necessary to have strong financial resources to secure and maintain a high profile. Reynell, for example, is now part of the Austin Knight group and has the muscle to build a presence on the advertising pages of magazines and newspapers.

To make any impact on this market, new agencies must be able to offer something fresh and focused. Nick Lloyd, of *Hogarth Davies & Lloyd*, specialises in recruiting lawyers, ideally with good banking experience in City firms, for financial institutions. He acknowledges that the mainstream recruitment field is saturated and he is not interested in adding to the oversupply.

He says: "What we can offer is a detailed knowledge of the banking field, because we've worked in it ourselves and understand its products. Consequently we can talk knowledgeably to candidates about their experience and relate it to the vacancies we have. It is unlikely that someone without an in-depth, first-hand knowledge of banking would be able to do that."

Such specialist insight can make all the difference between success and failure for agency and candidates alike. Kellyfield Consulting was set up last year and focuses entirely on the top City practices. Its founders, Hugh Kelly and Mark Field, have experience with Freshfields and Ashurst Morris Crisp, and consider that they have a *better understanding than most* of what makes a big law firm tick and the qualities they seek from recruits.

Mark Field says: "We don't distribute vast numbers of CVs. We are very selective and only submit those who really match the clients' needs. We also include careers guidance as part of our service. When we see a candidate, we will probe what they want to do and put them forward for jobs which meet their long-term aspirations as well as short-term requirements."

Kellyfield's strategy is probably a good one. Law firms need human talent in the same ways as jewellers need diamonds. For a good "fit", the person, the vacancy, the firm and the prospects all need to be right. The law business's sole asset is the people who work for it. Their deployment is critical to the success of both individual firms and to the sector as a whole.

That is why high-quality recruitment consultancies are *essential. They are needed to* oil the wheels of the industry to enable it to adjust smoothly to the changing demands of the legal market.

In doing this, the acknowledged market leaders are Quarry Dougall and ZMB. Both have established their credibility by showing that they really know what law firms want from candidates. Moreover, as the personnel and strategic needs of their clients have changed, so they have progressively offered a wider range of services.

These stretch from the recruitment of teams and non-legal professionals through to organising short-term contract placements and providing outplacement services. They also now extend to offering advice on mergers and human resource development, including the "retooling" of able lawyers whose specialism may have disappeared.

Looking ahead, Gareth Quarry of Quarry Dougall reckons that the legal industry is on the verge of yet another reshaping. The expansion of the big US law firms in London, the ambitions of the accountants in the legal field and the probability of multidisciplinary firms will lead to another legal revolution.

Lawyers will need help in addressing these massive changes, and personnel consultancies in particular will be *required to advise on the* human resource dimension. For those who can rise to the challenge, the prospects will be excellent. For those who cannot, it may be curtains.

Candidates should select agencies which can provide quality of advice and counselling, depth of knowledge of law firms in the field in which they are interested and legally qualified staff (ideally with a personnel qualification as well).

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BOWLS

Scotland go down in both triples and pairs

By Gordon Allan

SCOTLAND were involved in two key matches in the qualifying rounds of the eighth women's world championships at Royal Leamington Spa yesterday and lost them both. Jersey, their closest rivals, beat Julie Forrest and Joyce Lindores 19-14 in the pairs and South Africa beat Margaret Letham, Betty Forsyth and Sarah Gourlay 23-12 in the triples.

All this left Jersey two points clear of the Scots at the top of their pairs group, while South Africa, England and Scotland share the leadership in their triples section.

The South African triple, having lost their unbeaten record to Fiji in the morning, were always in control against the Scots, the defending champions. In the pairs, Scotland led most of the way before dropping five shots on the eighteenth end to fall 15-13 behind.

England lie joint fourth in their pairs group after a remarkable win over India. Gill Fitzgerald and Norma Shaw, down 16-6 and 21-15, edged home 22-21.

On the penultimate end, England scored six shots to tie the scores on 21-21 after a dispute over an Indian bowl which had touched the jack and gone in the ditch without being chalked.

Thirty-one countries are taking part this year, five more than at the last championships at Ayr in 1992, and there are almost as many varieties of dress on show. Trousers, shorts and socks are common among the players from the Pacific islands and the Far East, in contrast to the traditional formality of the regulation skirt and top stipulated by the English Women's Bowling Association (EWBA). The odd player has even been seen having a quick smoke on the bank between ends.

These bowlers from the distant outposts of the game bring not only a different appearance but also a different approach — the exuberance of the southern hemisphere as against the comparative restraint of the northern. The names of Carmen Anderson, of Norfolk Island, and Willow Fong, late of Fiji now of Australia, may not have meant a great deal to the British bowling public last week, but they will by the time the championships end, on August 18.

The five greens in Victoria Park look in excellent condition, thanks partly to the fine weather but more particularly to Veronica Tabor, a former telephonist who is now the head greenkeeper and one of the few women to hold such a post. She has been working at the Leamington complex for 20 years, in charge for the past eight. She joined Warwick District Council as a trainee and, after a three-year course, came out as second top graduate in England. She was the only girl among 30 boys on the course and says that this made her determined to succeed.

A fifth green was laid three years ago and a disease problem developed on it, but Tabor says this has been controlled. The council has spent £1.2 million to bring the arena up to world championship standard and a further £500,000 was raised by the EWBA organising committee.

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GAVIN FOGG

Norma Shaw, of England, recovered from sickness to help England beat Guernsey 18-14 in the pairs at Royal Leamington Spa yesterday

ROWING: HIGH HOPES OF SUCCESS AS STRATHCLYDE PREPARES TO HOST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Britain's best back in the chase for medals

By Mike Rosewell
Rowing Correspondent

LENNIE ROBERTSON, coach to the British lightweight men's eight who will start their medal quest at the world championships today, is confident of his crew's readiness. "They are all up for it," he said. The same could be said for the other 20 British boats at Strathclyde, all settled and injury-free.

The British eight, silver medal-winners behind Denmark in 1995, beat the Danes at Amsterdam this season but, for Robertson, the 1995 world champions remain "the boat to fear".

The new-look men's lightweight quad, stroked by the veteran, Stuart Forbes, back in international action after a break of six years, is in an entry of 15 crews. The Italians, with their 1995 bronze-medal crew and Ireland and New Zealand, with some personnel fresh from Atlanta, look like the crews to beat.

There are high hopes of medals among Britain's lightweight women. Sue Appelboom, fourth in the world in 1995, and in an entry of 19 scullers, has had a good build-up in European regattas. Anna Helleberg, from Denmark, and the 1995 bronze medal-winner, Annette Bogstra, from Holland, cannot be discounted, however, and Adair Ferguson, the 1985 world champion from Australia, certainly has the experience.

Also, the appearance of Constanta Burcic, of Romania, fresh from an Atlanta double scull, adds pressure.

Alison Brownless, Britain's most successful woman rower, and Jane Hall, the world lightweight pair silver medal-winners in 1995, have only seven rivals but the 1995 gold medal-winners from the United States, Christine Smith and Ellen Minzner, are among them.

The United States, Britain and Germany, the leading three in 1995, again spearhead the women's lightweight coxless fours, Robyn Morris and Jo Nitsch remaining from Britain's silver medal crew last year.

Rowers are clearly voting with their feet in the heavyweight coxed pairs and coxed fours. Discarded by FISA, the sport's international governing body, from the Olympic Games, 12 and 15-nation entries tend to question that decision. Form is vague although Britain's Nottingham County coxed four finished second in Lucerne and Damian West and David Beckley in the coxed pair recently won silver in the Nations Cup British coxed four.

The British junior crews enter the fray tomorrow and are unlikley to be overshadowed in the medal hunt by their elders. Mark Banks, chief junior coach, has set up a pecking order with the junior coxless four, so often successful for Britain in the past, and the junior eight as the highest pedigree rowing crews.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hull hope for quick route back to the top

By Christopher Irvine

HULL, a dominant force in the game in the Seventies, will put forward an application to be "fast-tracked" into the Stones Super League next season, provided they maintain their top four place in the first division.

Any submission would be looked at sympathetically by the Rugby Football League. Local rivalries scuppered the governing body's original vision of a Super League club created by a merger between Hull and Hull Kingston Rovers.

Salford have all but guaranteed themselves the one automatic promotion place for this season, and South Wales have used the "fast-tracking" procedure to gain admittance in 1997. From a geographical perspective, Hull's entry would broaden the horizons of the Super League.

The difficulty would be if Hull finish in their present fourth place. Keighley Cougars and Featherstone Rovers, who are above them, lost out in the final draft of the 12-club structure. To lose out again in an expansion to 14 clubs would be deemed more than just unfair. Allan Mason, the Hull chairman, said: "With the increasing desire to play more competitive matches in the Super League, Hull wish to make their bid on merit. Historical contributions, facilities and strategic geographical significance qualify the bid, based on fairness and achievement."

Whether there would be the quality of players to go round 14 clubs is another problem. Salford are the latest to show an interest in Shaun Edwards, of Wigan, who have already rejected approaches by Keighley and Huddersfield, a sign that the Great Britain captain will see out the year on his contract at Central Park.

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OLYMPIC GAMES: ENTHRALLING ATHLETICS DOMINATED BY THE GREAT AND THE NOT-SO-GOOD

Johnson leaves elite field trailing

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN ATLANTA

Vebjorn Rodal, of Norway, can scarcely believe his triumph as he secures the 800 metres gold medal. Photograph: Gary Hershorn

IT STARTED with Ecuador's first Olympic gold medal and ended with South Africa's first by a black athlete. Neither was predicted but, between Jefferson Perez winning the men's 20 kilometre walk in front of almost a full house of 83,000 at breakfast time on the opening morning and Josia Thugwane leading home the men's marathon on the concluding day, the upsets were few.

Who needed them? The drama, the tension, the close finishes, the cacophony of support inside the Centennial Stadium combined to make this an unforgettable celebration of athletics. Even the bad days were good. If there has been a better Olympics for track and field, book me a seat on the time machine and take me back there.

The obvious highlight was Michael Johnson's completion of the first Olympic 200/400 metres double with a world-record 19.32 for the shorter distance. He could not believe the speed of it himself. "I would like to have watched that, I am a track fan," he said.

The stadium roared at Johnson's futuristic performance, 0.34 seconds chopped off the record. What was curious was that the voice of the crowd moved seamlessly onto the next event. One looked for Johnson in the first semi-final of the men's 5,000 metres, but no, he was not still running. It sounded as though he must be. "Some pockets of this land are keen on track. Atlanta is not such a place," the *Atlanta Journal/Constitution* had warned. "We need all the coaching we can get." Uncoached, Atlanta made a noise anyway.

Almost every seat was filled, two sessions a day for nine days. In Barcelona and Seoul, the Games between Los Angeles and Atlanta, the mornings were half-empty. Spectators were rewarded with two world records. The first was Donovan Bailey's 9.84sec for 100 metres after Linford Christie had stirred the drama, holding up the final while arguing over two false starts that got him disqualified.

Into the mix, Atlanta had a home-town victory. Derrick Adkins won the 400 metres hurdles. "I feel I do not have to win another race in my life," he said. Three athletes won two individual events: Johnson, Marie José Pérec, from France (200/400), and Svetlana Masterkova, from Russia (800/1,500). Carl Lewis, with his long jump victory, became only the second athlete after Al Oerter in the discus to win a fourth Olympic title in one event.

The contrast between Lewis's joy and Mike Powell's sadness, as he was helped from the pit injured, enriched the drama. That same evening Sally Gunnell needed a wheelchair after breaking down in the semi-finals of the 400 metres hurdles, her Olympic title defence in ruins. There were more tears than rain over the nine days: Gunnell, Sonia O'Sullivan, Jackie Joyner-Kersee for their misfortune, Johnson on the podium.

Powell and O'Sullivan have won world titles, set world records and been in the forefront for years but are still without an Olympic title: the same goes for Moses Kiptanui (steeplechase), Colin Jackson (110 metres hurdles), Frankie Fredericks (100/200 metres), Merlene Ottey (200 metres). One who broke from the group was Dan O'Brien, winner of the decathlon.

Uncomfortably for the sport, too many titles went to athletes convicted of drug offences but allowed back: Ludmilla Engquist (100 metres hurdles), Chioma Ajunwa (long jump), Randy Barnes (shot). On the subject of drugs, the Irish journalists let Johnson enjoy his celebrations. No interrogation of the kind that Michelle Smith, Ireland's winner of three swimming gold medals, was subjected to by the US media.

In apple-pie country, some were forced on to humble pie. Du'aine Ladejo, the Briton who had spoken of beating Johnson but failed to make the 400 metres final, comes to mind. We saw the greatest women's 10,000 metres contest yet. Fernanda Ribeiro, from Portugal, seemingly dropped by Wang Junxia on the last lap, then catching the Chinese and squeezing by her in the finishing straight.

The two 1,500 metres events were dramatic, Hassiba Boulmerka, the defending women's champion, falling in the semi-finals and Hicham Lel Guerroudj, a serious contender for the men's title, falling in the final. The men's hammer, the women's 100 metres, high jump and 4 x 400 metres were classics. So was the men's 20 kilometres walk. "When I took the lead I felt very tired, as if I was half-asleep," Perez said. "It felt like a dream then I thought '*this is my dream*'. I have to go for it even if I die."

These were athletes driven by their iron will. For rewards best summed up by the pole vault gold medal-winner, Jean Galfione, when asked what he was thinking on the podium. "Remember everything, remember everything," Galfione said. "These are the most important moments of your life."

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Basketball

Women's play-offs

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Australia 66 Ukraine 56

FINAL: United States 111 Brazil 87.

Boxing

Finals

FLYWEIGHT: M Romero (Cuba) bt B Djumadilov (Kaz) pts

FEATHERWEIGHT: S Kamsing (Thai) bt S Todorov (Bul) pts

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT: H Vinent (Cuba) bt O Urkal (Ger) pts

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT: D Reid (US) ko A Duvergel (Cuba) 3rd rnd.

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SUPER-HEAVYWEIGHT: V Klitchko (Ukr) bt P Wolfgramm (Tonga) pts

Equestrianism

Individual showjumping

FINAL: 1, U Kirchhoff (Ger), Jus De Pommes, 1.00 fault; 2, W Melliger (Switz), Calvaro, 4.00; 3, A Ledermann (Fr), Rochet M, 4.00; 4, H Simon (Austria), ET, 4.00; 5, U Faeh (Switz), Jeremia, 4.00; 6, G Billington (GB), It's Otto, 4.00; 7, J Tops (Hol) Top Gun, 4.00; 8, A M Neto (Br), Aspen, 4.00; equal 9, R Pessoa (Br), Tomboy, and J Whitaker (GB), Welham, 4.25; equal 11, M Bauer (Austria), Remus, F Saresola (Sp), Ennio, P Charles (Ire), Beneton, J Lansink (Hol), Carthago, B Maendli (Switz), City Banking, and L Burr-Howard (US), Extreme, 8.00; 17 H Godignon (Fr), Viking Du Tillard, 9.00; 18, A Johannpeter (Br), Calei, 12.00; 23, N Skelton (GB), Show Time, 16.25. Eliminated in semi-final: equal 26, J Chesney (Ire), Diamond Exchange and E Macken (Ire), Schalkhaar, 8.00.

Gymnastics

Individual rhythmic

FINAL: 1, Y Serebryanskaya (Ukr) 39.683pts; 2, I Batyrchina (Rus) 39.382; Y Vitrichenko (Ukr) 39.331; 4, A Zaripova (Rus) 39.264; 5, M Petrova (Bul) 38.999; 6, E Serrano (Fr) 38.816.

Handball

Men's play-offs

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Spain 27 France 25.

FINAL: Croatia 27 Sweden 26.

Volleyball

Men's play-offs

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Yugoslavia bt Russia 8-15, 15-7, 15-8, 15-9.

FINAL: Holland bt Italy 15-12, 9-15, 16-14, 9-15, 17-15

One man and his insomniac dog retire unbeaten

MATTHEW BOND
ON THE
TELEVISION
MARATHON

The voice was unmistakable: "From the Olympic city of Atlanta, good night . . . or is it good morning?" Only David Coleman could turn goodbye into a controversy. After 16 days and over 300 hours of television coverage, the Olympic Games were finally over.

To be fair to Coleman there were mitigating circumstances. It was late whichever time zone you were operating in. In Atlanta, it was midnight and the party was still humming, back home it was 5am, a time of day when viewing figures are down to one man and his insomniac dog. Actually, it was worse that that — the dog had called it a night when he spotted the kangaroos on bicycles. If this was Sydney 2000, he was having none of it.

The final day had been a long one for Coleman. It had started before 7am local time, with the coverage of the marathon. So what if Brendan Foster did most of the talking? Coleman had been there by his side, ever ready to chip in with a "I've seen marathon medals won or lost on the track," or the thoughts of President Mandela on Josia Thugwane's victory: "Absolutely delighted, I'm sure."

Seventeen hours later and we were both still going strong. Together we had endured the dance of the quilts; watched surely the ugliest flame in Olympic history (a chip carton mounted on a fire escape is the nearest I can get to it) be extinguished; and once again we had been forced to listen to Juan Antonio Samaranch calling on everyone younger than himself to do it all over again in four years' time. Now, after sitting through what Coleman described as "the greatest jam session in history" and what was indisputably the longest, it was time for him to have his say.

It was not good enough. "It's time to look back and cut back . . . It's time to look forward and refine the programme . . . The IOC must have a rethink and so must our politicians." As I sat there in the increasingly bright light of dawn, I wondered where he had got that idea from?

Perhaps from Des Lynam, who mounted his own little outburst a few hours earlier but was lucky enough to have had his go out in prime time. Lynam's shock conclusion? It was not good enough.

But whatever you think of the Olympics and whatever your view of Britain's ability to compete at the highest level, there is no denying that the BBC's coverage of the 26th Olympiad was plenty good enough. It was outstanding.

Helped by some superlative pictures provided by the host broadcaster (only in the athletics stadium did the pictures become overtly partisan) and hindered by a time difference that was always going to rob it of the mass audiences of Barcelona, the corporation produced a superlative package of round-the-clock programming. Its commitment to live coverage at hours when peak audiences were likely to be under 2 million was particularly impressive.

My quibbles would be small ones. First, that the BBC can still learn from its American host's clever use of graphics (the marathon on Sunday and cycling time-trial on Saturday were particularly good examples) and that a predictable source of medals should not be ignored. Sailing, never an easy television sport, still deserved more than Malcolm McKeag's five minutes a day.

Eurosport, the satellite channel, also had a good Games, helped by clever cherry-picking of so-called secondary sports and by a real commitment to have its commentators on site.

So was our nocturnal marathon worth it? I definitely thought it was . . . or rather I did until I saw those geniuses of the BBC edits suites reduce 16 consecutive late nights and 80-90 hours of singlehanded watching . . . to just 20 minutes of brilliantly-assembled highlights. It was a distinctly sobering experience. It was definitely time for bed.

1996 OLYMPIC ROLL OF HONOUR

Archery

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL: 1, J Huish (US), 2, M Petersson (Swe); 3, Oh Kyo-moon (S Kor)

MEN'S TEAM: 1, United States; 2, South Korea; 3, Italy

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL: 1, Kim Kyung-wook (S Kor), 2, Ying He (China), 3, O Sadovnycha (Ukr)

WOMEN'S TEAM: 1, South Korea, 2, Germany; 3, Poland

Athletics

Men

100 METRES: 1, D Bailey (Can); 2, F Fredericks (Nam), 3, A Boldon (Trin)

200 METRES: 1, M Johnson (US); 2, F Fredericks (Nam); 3, A Boldon (Trin)

400 METRES: 1, M Johnson (US), 2, R Black (GB), 3, D Kamoga (Uga).

800 METRES: 1, V Rodal (Nor); 2, H Sepeng (SA), 3, F Onyancha (Ken)

1,500 METRES: 1, N Morceli (Alg); 2, F Cacho (Sp); 3, S Kipkorir (Ken)

5,000 METRES: 1, V Niyongabo (Burundi), 2, P Bitok (Ken), 3, K Boulami (Mor)

10,000 METRES: 1, H Gebrselassie (Eth), 2, P Tergat (Ken); 3, S Hissou (Mor).

MARATHON: 1, J Thugwane (SA); 2, Bong-Ju Lee (S Kor); 3, E Wainaina (Ken).

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE: 1, J Keter (Ken), 2, M Kiptanui (Ken); 3, A Lambruschini (It)

110 METRES HURDLES: 1, A Johnson (US); 2, M Crear (US); 3, F Schwarthoff (Ger).

400 METRES HURDLES: 1, D Adkins (US), 2, S Matete (Zam); 3, C Davis (US).

4 x 100 METRES RELAY: 1, Canada; 2, United States; 3, Brazil.

4 x 400 METRES RELAY: 1, United States; 2, Great Britain; 3, Jamaica.

20 KILOMETRES WALK: 1, J Perez (Ec), 2, I Markov (Rus); 3, B Segura (Mex)

50 KILOMETRES WALK: 1, R Korzeniowski (Pol), 2, M Shchennikov (Rus); 3, V Massana (Sp).

HIGH JUMP: 1, C Austin (US); 2, A Partyka (Pol), 3, S Smith (GB).

POLE VAULT: 1, J Galfione (Fr); 2, I Trandenkov (Rus), 3, A Tivontchik (Ger).

LONG JUMP: 1, C Lewis (US); 2, J Beckford (Jam); 3, J Greene (US).

TRIPLE JUMP: 1, K Harrison (US); 2, J Edwards (GB), 3, Y Quesada (Cuba).

SHOT: 1, R Barnes (US); 2, J Godina (US), 3, O Bagach (Ukr)

DISCUS: 1, L Riedel (Ger); 2, V Dubrovshchik (Belo); 3, V Kaptyukh (Belo)

HAMMER: 1, B Kiss (Hun), 2, L Deal (US); 3, A Krykun (Ukr)

JAVELIN: 1, J Zelezny (Cz); 2, S Backley (GB), 3, S Raty (Fin).

DECATHLON: 1, D O'Brien (US), 2, F Busemann (Ger); 3, T Dvorak (Cz).

Women

100 METRES: 1, G Devers (US); 2, M Ottey (Jam); 3, G Torrence (US)

200 METRES: 1, M-J Perec (Fr), 2, M Ottey (Jam); 3, M Onyali (Nigeria)

400 METRES: 1, M-J Perec (Fr); 2, C Freeman (Aus); 3, F Ogunkoya (Nigeria)

800 METRES: 1, S Masterkova (Rus); 2, A Quirot (Cuba), 3, M Mutola (Moz)

1,500 METRES: 1, S Masterkova (Rus); 2, G Szabo (Rom); 3, T Kiesl (Austria).

5,000 METRES: 1, Wang Junxia (China), 2, P Konga (Ken), 3, R Brunet (It)

10,000 METRES: 1, F Ribeiro (Por); 2, Wang Junxia (China), 3, G Wami (Eth).

MARATHON: 1, F Roba (Eth); 2, V Yegorova (Rus), 3, Y Arimori (Japan)

100 METRES HURDLES: 1, L Enquist (Swe); 2, B Bukovec (Slovenia); 3, P Girard-Leno (Fr).

400 METRES HURDLES: 1, D Hemmings (Jam); 2, K Batten (US), 3, T Buford-Bailey (US)

4 x 100 METRES RELAY: 1, United States; 2, Bahamas; 3, Jamaica.

4 x 400 METRES RELAY: 1, United States; 2, Nigeria; 3, Germany.

HIGH JUMP: 1, S Kostadinova (Bul); 2, N Bakogianni (Gr), 3, I Babakova (Ukr)

LONG JUMP: 1, C Ajunwa (Nigeria), 2, F May (It), 3, J Joyner-Kersee (US)

TRIPLE JUMP: 1, I Kravets (Ukr); 2, I Lasovskaya (Rus); 3, S Kasparkova (Cz).

SHOT: 1, A Kumbernuss (Ger), 2, Sui Xinmei (China); 3, I Khudorozhkina (Rus)

DISCUS: 1, I Wyludda (Ger); 2, N Sadova (Rus), 3, E Zvereva (Belo).

JAVELIN: 1, H Rantanen (Fin); 2, L McPaul (Aus), 3, T Hattestad (Nor)

HEPTATHLON: 1, G Shouaa (Syria); 2, N Sazanovich (Belo); D Lewis (GB).

10 KILOMETRES WALK: 1, Y Nikolayeva (Rus); 2, E Perrone (It); Wang Yan (China)

Badminton

MENS SINGLES: 1, P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den); 2, Dong Jiong (China); 3, S Rashid (Malay)

MEN'S DOUBLES: 1, R Mainaky and R Subagja (Indo), 2, Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock (Malay); 3, S Antonius and D Kantono (Indo).

WOMEN'S SINGLES: 1, Bang Soo-hyun (S Kor); 2, M Audina (Indo), 3, S Susanti (Indo)

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: 1, Ge Fei and Gu Jun (China); 2, Gil Young-ah and Jang Hye-ock (S Kor), 3, Qin Yiyuan and Tang Yongshu (China).

MIXED DOUBLES: 1, Gil Young-ah and Kim Dong-moon (S Kor); 2, Ra Kyung-min and Park Joo-bong (S Kor), 3, Liu Jianjun and Sun Man (China)

Baseball

MEN: 1, Cuba; 2, Japan; 3, United States

Basketball

MEN: 1, United States; 2, Yugoslavia; 3, Lithuania.

WOMEN: 1, United States; 2, Brazil, 3, Australia.

Beach volleyball

MEN: 1, K Steffes and K Kiraly (US); 2, M Whitmarsh and M Dodd (US); 3, J Child and M Heese (Can)

WOMEN: 1, S Tavares and J Cruz (Br); 2, M Rodrigues and A Ramos (Br); 3, N Cook and K A Pottharst (Aus).

Boxing

LIGHT-FLYWEIGHT: 1, D Bojilov (Bul), 2, M Velasco (Phil); 3, O Kiryukhin (Ukr) and R Lozano (Sp)

FLYWEIGHT: 1, M Romero (Cuba), 2, B Djumadilov (Kaz); 3, A Pakeev (Rus) and Z Lunka (Ger)

BANTAMWEIGHT: 1, I Kovacs (Hun); 2, A Mesa (Cuba); 3, V Khadpo (Thai) and R Malakhbekov (Rus)

FEATHERWEIGHT: 1, S Kamsing (Thai), 2, S Todorov (Bul), 3, P Chacon (Arg) and and F Mayweather (US)

LIGHTWEIGHT: 1, H Soltani (Alg); 2, T Tontchev (Bul); 3, T Cauthen (US) and L Doroftei (Rom).

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT: 1, H Vinent (Cuba); 2, O Urkal (Ger); 3, B Niyazymbetov (Kaz) and F Missaoui (Tun).

WELTERWEIGHT: 1, O Saitov (Rus); 2, J Hernandez (Cuba); 3, M Simion (Rom) and D Santos (P Rico)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT: 1, D Reid (US); 2, A Duvergel (Cuba), 3, K Tulaganov (Uzb) and E Ibraimov (Kaz)

MIDDLEWEIGHT: 1, A Hernandez (Cuba), 2, M Beyleroglu (Tur); 3, M Bahari (Alg) and R Wells (US)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT: 1, V Jirov (Kaz), 2, Lee Seung-bae (S Kor), 3, A Tarver (US) and T Ulrich (Ger).

HEAVYWEIGHT: 1, F Savon (Cuba); 2, D Defiagbon (Can), 3, N Jones (US) and L Krasniqi (Ger).

SUPER-HEAVYWEIGHT: 1, V Klitchko (Ukr), 2, P Wolfgramm (Tonga); 3, A Lezin (Rus) and D Dokiwari (Nigeria)

Diving

MEN'S SPRINGBOARD: 1, Xiong Ni (China); 2, Yu Zhuocheng (China); 3, M Lenzi (US)

MEN'S 10-METRE PLATFORM: 1, D Sautin (Rus); 2, J Hempel (Ger), 3 Hailiang Xiao (China)

WOMEN'S SPRINGBOARD: 1, Mingxia Fu (China), 2, I Lashko (Rus); 3, A Pelletier (Can).

WOMEN'S 10-METRE PLATFORM: 1, Mingxia Fu (China); 2, A Walter (Ger); 3, M E Clark (US)

Equestrianism

INDIVIDUAL SHOWJUMPING: 1, U Kirchhoff (Ger), Jus de Pommes; 2, W Melliger (Switz), Calvaro; 3, A Ledermann (Fr), Rochet M

TEAM SHOWJUMPING: 1, Germany; 2, United States; 3, Brazil.

INDIVIDUAL DRESSAGE: 1, I Werth (Ger), Gigolo; 2, A van Grunsven (Hol), Bonfire; 3, S Rothenberger (Hol), Weyden

TEAM DRESSAGE: 1, Germany; 2, Holland; 3, United States.

THREE-DAY EVENT, INDIVIDUAL: 1, B Tait (NZ); 2, S Clark (NZ); 3, K Millikin (US).

THREE-DAY EVENT, TEAM: 1, Australia; 2, United States; 3, New Zealand.

Canoeing

Slalom

MEN'S CANADIAN SINGLES: 1, M Martikan (Slovakia); 2, L Pollert (Cz), 3, P Estanguet (Fr)

MEN'S CANADIAN PAIRS: 1, F Adisson and W Forgues (Fr); 2, J Rohan and M Simek (Cz), 3, A Ehrenberg and M Senft (Ger).

MEN'S KAYAK SINGLES: 1, O Fix (Ger); 2, A Vehovar (Slovenia), 3, T Becker (Ger)

WOMEN'S KAYAK SINGLES: 1, S Hilgertova (Cz); 2, D Chladek (US); 3, M Fox-Jerusalmi (Fr).

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MEN'S 500M CANADIAN SINGLES: 1, M Doktor (Cz); 2, S Knazovicky (Slovakia), 3, I Pulai (Hun)

MEN'S 1,000M CANADIAN SINGLES: 1, M Doktor (Cz); 2, I Klementyev (Lat); 3, G Zala (Hun).

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MEN'S 1,000M KAYAK PAIRS: 1, Italy (A Rossi and D Scarpa); 2, Germany (K Bluhm and T Gutsche); 3, Bulgaria (M Kazanov and A Dushev).

MEN'S 1,000M KAYAK FOURS: 1, Germany; 2, Hungary; 3, Russia.

WOMEN'S 500M KAYAK SINGLES: 1, R Koban (Hun); 2, C Brunet (Can); 3, J Idem (It).

WOMEN'S 500M KAYAK PAIRS: 1, Sweden (A Andersson and S Gunnarsson); 2, Germany (R Portwich and B Fischer); 3, Australia (K Borchert and A Wood).

WOMEN'S 500M KAYAK FOURS: 1, Germany, 2, Switzerland; 3, Sweden

Cycling

Men

SPRINT: 1, J Fiedler (Ger); 2, M Nothstein (US); 3, C Harnett (Can)

1KM TIME-TRIAL: 1, F Rousseau (Fr), 2, E Hartwell (US); 3, T Jumonji (Japan)

INDIVIDUAL PURSUIT: 1, A Collinelli (It); 2, P Ermenault (Fr); 3, B McGee (Aus)

TEAM PURSUIT: 1, France; 2, Russia; 3, Australia.

POINTS RACE: 1, S Martinello (It); 2, B Walton (Can), 3, S O'Grady (Aus)

INDIVIDUAL TIME-TRIAL: 1, M Induran (Sp); 2, A Olano (Sp); 3, C Boardman (GB)

INDIVIDUAL ROAD RACE: 1, P Richard (Switz); 2, R Sorensen (Den), 3, M Sciandri (GB)

MOUNTAIN BIKE: 1, B Brentjens (Hol); 2, T Frischknecht (Switz); 3, M Martinez (Fr)

Women

SPRINT: 1, F Ballanger (Fr); 2, M Ferris (Aus), 3, I Haringa (Hol).

INDIVIDUAL PURSUIT: 1, A Bellutti (It) 2, M Clignet (Fr), 3, J Arndt (Ger).

POINTS RACE: 1, N Lancien (Fr), 2, I Haringa (Hol), 3, L Tyler Sharman (Aus)

INDIVIDUAL TIME-TRIAL: 1, Z Zabirova (Rus); 2, J Longo-Ciprelli (Fr); 3, C Hughes (Can).

INDIVIDUAL ROAD RACE: 1, J Longo-Ciprelli (Fr); 2, I Chiappa (It); C Hughes (Can)

MOUNTAIN BIKE: 1, P Pezzo (It), 2, A Sydor (Can), 3, S Dematteis (US).

Fencing

Men

INDIVIDUAL EPÉE: 1, A Beketov (Rus), 2, I Trevejo Perez (Cuba), 3, G Imre (Hun).

INDIVIDUAL FOIL: 1, A Puccini (It); 2, L Plumenail (Fr); 3, F Boidin (Fr).

INDIVIDUAL SABRE: 1, S Pozdnyakov (Rus), S Sharikov (Rus); 3, D Touya (Fr).

TEAM EPÉE: 1, Italy; 2, Russia, 3, France

TEAM FOIL: 1, Russia; 2, Poland; 3, Cuba

TEAM SABRE: 1, Russia; 2, Hungary; 3, Italy.

Women

INDIVIDUAL EPÉE: 1, L Flessel (Fr); 2, V Barlois (Fr); 3, G Szalay Horvathne (Hun)

INDIVIDUAL FOIL: 1, L Badea (Rom); 2, V Vezzali (It), 3, G Trillini (It).

TEAM EPÉE: 1, France; 2, Italy; 3, Russia.

TEAM FOIL: 1, Italy; 2, Romania; 3, Germany

Football

MEN: 1, Nigeria; 2, Argentina; 3, Brazil

WOMEN: 1, United States; 2, China; 3, Norway

Gymnastics

Men

FLOOR: 1, I Melissanidis (Gr); 2, Li Xiaoshuang (China); 3, A Nemov (Rus).

HIGH BAR: 1, A Wecker (Ger); 2, K Dounev (Bul); equal 3, V Scherbo (Belo), Fan Bin (China) and A Nemov (Rus)

PARALLEL BARS: 1, R Sharipov (Ukr); 2, J Lynch (US); 3, V Scherbo (Belo).

POMMEL HORSE: 1, Li Donghua (Switz). 2, M Urzica (Rom); 3, A Nemov (Rus)

RINGS: 1, Y Chechi (It), equal 2, S Csollany (Hun) and D Burinca (Rom)

VAULT: 1, A Nemov (Rus); 2, Yeo Hong-chul (S Kor); 3, V Scherbo (Belo)

INDIVIDUAL ALL-ROUND: 1, Li Xiaoshuang (China), 2, A Nemov (Rus), 3, V Scherbo (Belo)

TEAM: 1, Russia; 2, China; 3, Ukraine

Women

ASYMMETRIC BARS: 1, S Chorkina (Rus). equal 2, Wenjing Bi (China) and A Chow (US)

BEAM: 1, S Miller (US); 2, L Podkopayeva (Ukr), 3, G Gogean (Rom)

FLOOR: 1, L Podkopayeva (Ukr); 2, S Amanar (Rom), 3, D Dawes (US).

VAULT: 1, S Amanar (Rom); 2, Mo Huilan (China); 3, G Gogean (Rom)

INDIVIDUAL ALL-ROUND: 1, L Podkopayeva (Ukr), 2, G Gogean (Rom), equal 3, S Amanar (Rom) and L Milosovici (Rom).

TEAM: 1, United States, 2, Russia; 3, Romania.

RHYTHMIC INDIVIDUAL: 1, Y Serebryanskaya (Ukr); 2, I Batyrchina (Rus), Y Vitrichenko (Ukr)

RHYTHMIC TEAM: 1, Spain; 2, Bulgaria, 3, Russia.

Handball

MEN: 1, Croatia, 2, Sweden, 3, Spain.

WOMEN: 1, Denmark, 2, South Korea, 3, Hungary

Hockey

MEN: 1, Holland, 2, Spain 3, 3, Australia.

WOMEN: 1, Australia; 2, South Korea; 3, Holland.

Judo

Men

UNDER 60KG: 1, T Nomura (Japan); 2, G Giovinazzo (It); 3, D Narmandakh (Mong) and R Trautmann (Ger)

UNDER 65KG: 1, U Quellmalz (Ger); 2, Y Nakamura (Japan), 3, H Guimaraes (Br) and I Hernandez Plana (Cuba).

UNDER 71KG: 1, K Nakamura (Japan); 2, Kwak Dae-sung (S Kor); 3, J Pedro (US) and C Gagliano (Fr)

UNDER 78KG: 1, D Bouras (Fr); 2, T Koga (Japan), 3, S Liparteliani (Georgia) and Cho In-chul (S Kor)

UNDER 86KG: 1, Jeon Ki-young (S Kor). 2, A Bagdasarov (Uzb), 3, M Spittka (Ger) and M Huizinga (Hol)

UNDER 95KG: 1, P Nastula (Pol), 2, Kim Min-soo (S Kor); 3, S Traineau (Fr) and M Fernandes (Br)

OVER 95KG: 1, D Douillet (Fr); 2, E Perez (Sp), 3, H van Barneveld (Bel) and F Möller (Ger).

Women

UNDER 48KG: 1, Sun Kye (N Kor); 2, R Tamura (Japan); 3, Y Soler (Sp) and A Savon (Cuba).

UNDER 52KG: 1, M-C Restoux (Fr), 2, Hyun Sook-hee (S Kor); 3, N Sugawara (Japan) and L Verdecia (Cuba).

UNDER 56KG: 1, D Gonzalez (Cuba), 2, Jung Sun-yong (S Kor); 3, I Fernandez (Sp) and M Lomba (Bel)

UNDER 61KG: 1, Y Emoto (Japan), 2, G Vandecaveye (Bel); 3, J Gal (Hol) and Jung Sung-sook (S Kor)

UNDER 66KG: 1, Cho Min-sun (S Kor); 2, A Szczepanska (Pol), 3, Wang Xianbo (China) and C Zwiers (Hol)

UNDER 72KG: 1, U Werbrouck (Bel); 2, Y Tanabe (Japan); 3, Y Scapin (It) and D Luna (Cuba)

OVER 72KG: 1, Sun Fuming (China), 2, E Rodriguez (Cuba), 3, J Hagn (Ger) and C Cicot (Fr)

FINAL MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
United States	44	32	25
Russia	26	21	16
Germany	20	18	27
China	16	22	12
France	15	7	15
Italy	13	10	12
Australia	9	9	23
Cuba	9	8	8
Ukraine	9	2	12
South Korea	7	15	5
Poland	7	5	5
Hungary	7	4	10
Spain	5	6	6
Romania	4	7	9
Holland	4	5	10
Greece	4	4	0
Czech Rep	4	3	4
Switzerland	4	3	0
Denmark	4	1	1
Turkey	4	1	1
Canada	3	11	8
Bulgaria	3	7	5
Japan	3	6	5
Kazakhstan	3	4	4
Brazil	3	3	9
New Zealand	3	2	1
South Africa	3	1	1
Ireland	3	0	1
Sweden	2	4	2
Norway	2	2	3
Belgium	2	2	2
Nigeria	2	1	3
North Korea	2	1	2
Algeria	2	0	1
Ethiopia	2	0	1
Great Britain	1	8	6
Belorussia	1	6	8
Kenya	1	4	3
Jamaica	1	3	2

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Finland	1	2	1
Indonesia	1	1	2
Yugoslavia	1	1	2
Iran	1	1	1
Slovakia	1	1	1
Armenia	1	1	0
Croatia	1	1	0
Portugal	1	0	1
Thailand	1	0	1
Burundi	1	0	0
Costa Rica	1	0	0
Ecuador	1	0	0
Hong Kong	1	0	0
Syria	1	0	0
Argentina	0	2	1
Namibia	0	2	0
Slovenia	0	2	0
Austria	0	1	2
Malaysia	0	1	1
Moldova	0	1	1
Uzbekistan	0	1	1
Azerbaijan	0	1	0
Bahamas	0	1	0
Latvia	0	1	0
Philippines	0	1	0
Taiwan	0	1	0
Tonga	0	1	0
Zambia	0	1	0
Georgia	0	0	2
Morocco	0	0	2
Trinidad	0	0	2
India	0	0	1
Israel	0	0	1
Lithuania	0	0	1
Mexico	0	0	1
Mongolia	0	0	1
Mozambique	0	0	1
Puerto Rico	0	0	1
Tunisia	0	0	1
Uganda	0	0	1

Modern pentathlon

MEN: 1, A Parygin (Kaz), 2, E Zenovka (Rus), 3, J Martinek (Hun)

Rowing

Men

SINGLE SCULLS: 1, X Mueller (Switz), 2, D Porter (Can), 3, T Lange (Ger)

LIGHTWEIGHT DOUBLE SCULLS: 1, Switzerland (Michael and Markus Gier), 2, Holland (M van der Linden and P Aardewijn), 3, Australia (A Edwards and B Hick)

DOUBLE SCULLS: 1, Italy (D Tizzano and A Abbagnale), 2, Norway (K Undset and S Stoerseth); 3, France (F Kowal and S Barathay)

COXLESS PAIRS: 1, Great Britain (S Redgrave and M Pinsent) 2, Australia (D Weightman and R Scott); 3, France (M Andrieux and J-C Rolland)

QUADRUPLE SCULLS: 1, Germany, 2, United States, 3, Australia.

LIGHTWEIGHT COXLESS FOURS: 1, Denmark; 2, Canada, 3, United States

COXLESS FOURS: 1, Australia, 2, France, 3, Great Britain.

EIGHTS: 1, Holland, 2, Germany; 3, Russia

Women

SINGLE SCULLS: 1, Y Khodotovich (Belo); 2, S Laumann (Can); 3, T Hansen (Den)

LIGHTWEIGHT DOUBLE SCULLS: 1, Romania (C Burcica and C Macoviciuc), 2, United States (T Bell and L Burns), 3, Australia (R Joyce and V Lee)

DOUBLE SCULLS: 1, Canada (M McBean and K Heddle), 2, China (M Cao and X Zhang), 3, Holland (I Eijs and E van Nes)

COXLESS PAIRS: 1, Australia (M Still and K Slatter), 2, United States (M Schwen and K Kraft), 3, France (C Gosse and H Cortin)

QUADRUPLE SCULLS: 1, Germany, 2, Ukraine; 3, Canada.

EIGHTS: 1, Romania, 2, Canada, 3, Belorussia

Shooting

Men

10-METRE AIR RIFLE: 1, A Khadzhibekov (Rus), 2, W Waibel (Austria); 3, J-P Amat (Fr)

10-METRE AIR PISTOL: 1, R Di Donna (It); 2, Yifu Wang (China), 3, T Kiriakov (Bul)

25-METRE RAPID FIRE PISTOL: 1, R Schumann (Ger); 2, E Milev (Bul); 3, V Vokhmyanin (Kaz)

50-METRE FREE PISTOL: 1, B Kokorev (Rus), 2, I Basinski (Belo); 3, R Di Donna (It)

50-METRE FREE RIFLE, PRONE: 1, C Klees (Ger), 2, S Beliaev (Kaz), 3, 3, J Gonci (Slovakia)

50-METRE FREE RIFLE, THREE POSITIONS: 1, J-P Amat (Fr), 2, S Beliaev (Kaz); 3, 3, W Waibel (Austria)

TRAP: 1, M Diamond (Aus), 2, J Lakatos (US), 3, L Bade (US)

DOUBLE TRAP: 1, R Mark (Aus); 2, A Pera (It), 3, Zhang Bing (China).

RUNNING TARGET: 1, Yang Ling (China), 2, Xiao Jun (China); 3, M Janus (Cz)

SKEET: 1, E Falco (It); 2, M Rzepkowski (Pol), 3, A Benelli (It)

Women

10-METRE AIR RIFLE: 1, R Mauer (Pol), 2, P Horneber (Ger); 3, A Ivosev (Yug).

10-METRE AIR PISTOL: 1, O Klochneva (Rus); 2, M Logvinenko (Rus), 3, M Grozdeva (Bul)

25-METRE SPORT PISTOL: 1, Li Duihong (China), 2, D Yorgova (Bul), 3, M Logvinenko (Rus).

50-METRE STANDARD RIFLE: 1, A Ivosev (Yug); 2, I Gerasimenok (Rus), 3, R Mauer (Pol)

DOUBLE TRAP: 1, K Rhodes (US), 2, S Kiermayer (Ger); 3, D Huddleston (Aus)

Softball

WOMEN: 1, United States; 2, China; 3, Australia.

Tennis

MEN'S SINGLES: 1, A Agassi (US); 2, S Bruguera (Sp); 3, L Paes (India)

MEN'S DOUBLES: 1, M Woodforde and T Woodbridge (Aus); 2, T Henman and N Broad (GB); 3, M Goellner and D Prinosil (Ger)

WOMEN'S SINGLES: 1, L Davenport (US). 2, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); 3 J Novotna (Cz).

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: 1, M J Fernandez and G Fernandez (US); 2, H Sukova and J Novotna (Cz), 3, C Martinez and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp)

Swimming

Men

50M FREESTYLE: 1, A Popov (Rus), 2, G Hall (US); 3, F Scherer (Br)

100M FREESTYLE: 1, A Popov (Rus), 2, G Hall (US), 3, G Borges (Br)

200M FREESTYLE: 1, D Loader (NZ); 2, G Borges (Br), 3 D Kowalski (Aus)

400M FREESTYLE: 1, D Loader (NZ), 2, P Palmer (GB); 3, D Kowalski (Aus)

1,500M FREESTYLE: 1, K Perkins (Aus); 2, D Kowalski (Aus), 3, G Smith (GB)

100M BREASTSTROKE: 1, F Deburghgraeve (Bel) 2, J Linn (US), 3, M Warnecke (Ger).

200M BREASTSTROKE: 1, N Rozsa (Hun); 2, K Guttler (Hun), 3 A Korneyev (Rus)

☐ Korneyev later failed a drugs test and was disqualified, his medal passing to N Gillingham (GB), but the decision was reversed on appeal

100M BACKSTROKE: 1, J Rouse (US), 2, R F Cabrera (Cuba), 3, N Bent (Cuba)

200M BACKSTROKE: 1, B Bridgewater (US), 2, T Schwenk (US), 3, E Merisi (It)

100M BUTTERFLY: 1, D Pankratov (Rus), 2, S Miller (Aus); 3, V Kulikov (Rus)

200M BUTTERFLY: 1, D Pankratov (Rus) 2, T Malchow (US), 3, S Goodman (Aus)

200M INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1, A Czene (Hun), 2, J Sievinen (Fin), 3, C Myden (Can)

400M INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1, T Dolan (US), 2, E Namesnik (US), 3, C Myden (Can).

4 x 100M FREESTYLE RELAY: 1 United States, 2, Russia, 3, Germany

4 x 200M FREESTYLE RELAY: 1, United States; 2, Sweden 3, Germany

4 x 100M MEDLEY RELAY: 1, United States, 2, Russia 3, Australia

Women

50M FREESTYLE: 1, A van Dyken (US); 2, Le Jingyi (China) 3, S Volker (Ger)

100M FREESTYLE: 1, Le Jingyi (China); 2, S Volker (Ger) 3, A Martino (US)

200M FREESTYLE: 1, C Poll (Costa Rica) 2, F van Almsick (Ger) 1 58 57, 3, D Hase (Ger) 1 59 56

400M FREESTYLE: 1, M Smith (Ire) 2, D Hase (Ger), 3, K Vlieghuis (Hol)

800M FREESTYLE: 1, B Bennett (US) 2, D Hase (Ger); 3, K Vlieghuis (Hol).

100M BREASTSTROKE: 1, P Heyns (SA). 2, A Beard (US); 3, S Riley (Aus)

200M BREASTSTROKE: 1, P Heyns (SA). 2, A Beard (US); 3, A Kovacs (Hun)

100M BACKSTROKE: 1 B Botsford (US), 2, W Hedgepeth (US); 3, M Kriel (SA)

200M BACKSTROKE: 1, K Egerszegi (Hun), 2, W Hedgepeth (US), 3, C Rund (Ger)

100M BUTTERFLY: 1, A van Dyken (US), 2, Limin Liu (China); 3, A Martino (US)

200M BUTTERFLY: 1, S O'Neill (Aus), 2, P Thomas (Aus), 3, M Smith (Ire)

200M INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1, M Smith (Ire); 2, M Limpert (Can), 3, Li Lin (China)

400M INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1, M Smith (Ire) 2, A Wagner (US) 3, K Egerszegi (Hun).

4 x 100M FREESTYLE RELAY: 1, United States, 2, China, 3, Germany

4 x 200M FREESTYLE RELAY: 1, United States; 2, Germany; 3 Australia

4 x 100M MEDLEY RELAY: 1 United States 2, Australia 3, China

SYNCHRONISED TEAMS: 1, United States; 2, Canada, 3, Japan

Volleyball

MEN: 1, Holland; 2, Italy 3, Yugoslavia.

WOMEN: 1, Cuba, 2, China; 3, Brazil

Weightlifting

UNDER 54KG: 1, H Mutlu (Tur), 2, Zhang Xiangsen (China), 3, S Minchev (Bul)

UNDER 59KG: 1, Tang Lingsheng (China), 2, L Sabanis (Gr); 3, N Peshalov (Bul)

UNDER 64KG: 1, N Suleymanoglu (Tur) 2, V Leonidis (Gr), 3, Xiao Jiangang (China).

UNDER 70KG: 1, Zhan Xugang (China), 2, Kim Myong-nam (N Kor), 3, A Feri (Hun)

UNDER 76KG: 1 P Lara (Cuba), 2, Y Yotov (Bul), 3, Jon Chol-ho (N Kor).

UNDER 83KG: 1, P Dimas (Gr), 2, M Huster (Ger), 3, A Cofalik (Pol)

UNDER 91KG: 1, A Petrov (Rus), 2, L Kokas (Gr); 3, O Caruso (Ger)

UNDER 99KG: 1 A Kakhiashvilis (Gr); 2, A Khrapaty (Kaz), 3, D Gotfrid (Ukr)

UNDER 108KG: 1, T Taimazov (Ukr), 2, S Syrtsov (Rus); 3, N Vlad (Rom)

OVER 108KG: 1, A Chemerkin (Rus), 2, R Weller (Ger); 3, S Botev (Aus)

Table tennis

MEN'S SINGLES: FINAL: 1, Liu Guoliang (China), 2, Wang Tao (China), 3, J Rosskopf (Ger)

MEN'S DOUBLES: 1, Liu Guoliang and Kong Linghui (China), 2, Wang Tao and Lu Lin (China), 3, Lee Chul-seung and Yoo Nam-kyu (S Kor)

WOMEN'S SINGLES: 1, Deng Yaping (China), 2, Chen Jing (Taiwan); 3, Qiao Hong (China)

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: 1, Deng Yaping and Qiao Hong (China); 2, Liu Wei and Qiao Yunping (China); 3, Park Hae-jung and Ryu Ji-hae (S Kor)

Water polo

MEN: 1, Spain, 2, Croatia; 3, Italy

Wrestling

Freestyle

UNDER 48KG: 1, Kim Il (N Kor); 2, A Mkrchyan (Arm), 3, A Perdomo (Cuba)

UNDER 52KG: 1, V Jordanov (Bul); 2, N Abdullayev (Azer), 3, M Mamyrov (Kaz)

UNDER 57KG: 1, K Cross (US); 2, G Sissaouri (Can), 3, Ri Yong Sam (N Kor)

UNDER 62KG: 1, T Brands (US), 2, Jang Jae-sung (S Kor), 3, E Tedeev (Ukr)

UNDER 68KG: 1, V Bogiyev (Rus), 2, T Saunders (US); 3, Z Zazirov (Ukr)

UNDER 74KG: 1, B Saitiev (Rus), 2, Park Jang-soon (S Kor), 3, T Ota (Japan)

UNDER 82KG: 1, K Magomedov (Rus); 2, Yang Hyun-mo (S Kor), 3, A Azghadi (Iran)

UNDER 90KG: 1, R Azghadi (Iran), 2, M Khadartsev (Rus) 3, E Kurtanidze (Georgia)

UNDER 100KG: 1, K Angle (US), 2, A Jadidi (Iran) 3, A Sabejew (Ger)

OVER 100KG: 1, M Demir (Tur); 2, A Medvedev (Belo), 3, B Baumgartner (US)

Greco-Roman

UNDER 48KG: 1, Sim Kwon-ho (S Kor); 2, A Pavlov (Belo); 3, Z Gulyov (Rus)

☐ Gulyov later failed a drugs test and was disqualified, his medal passing to Kang Yong (N Kor), but the decision was reversed on appeal

UNDER 52KG: 1, A Nazaryan (Arm), 2, B Paulson (US), 3, A Kalashnikov (Ukr)

UNDER 57KG: 1, Y Melnichenko (Kaz); 2, D Hall (US), 3 Sheng Zetian (China)

UNDER 62KG: 1, W Zawadzki (Pol); 2, J L Maren Delis (Cuba); 3, M Pirim (Tur)

UNDER 68KG: 1, R Wolny (Pol), 2, G Yolouz (Fr); 3, A Tretyakov (Rus).

UNDER 74KG: 1, F Ascuy Aguilera (Cuba), 2, M Asell (Fin); 3, J Tracz (Pol)

UNDER 82KG: 1, H Yerlikaya (Tur) 2, T Zander (Ger), 3 V Tsilent (Belo)

UNDER 90KG: 1, V Oleynyk (Ukr), 2, J Fafinski (Pol), 3 M Bullman (Ger)

UNDER 100KG: 1, A Wronski (Pol); 2, S Lishtvan (Belo), 3, M Ljungberg (Swe)

OVER 100KG: 1, A Karelin (Rus), 2, M Ghaffari (US); 3, S Moureiko (Mold)

Yachting

MEN'S FINN: 1, M Kusznierewicz (Pol), 2, S Godefroid (Bel); 3, R Heiner (Hol)

MEN'S MISTRAL: 1, N Kaklamanakis (Gr); 2, C Espinola (Arg); 3, G Fridman (Isr)

MEN'S 470: 1, Ukraine (Y Braslavets and I Matviyenko), 2, Great Britain (J Merricks and I Walker), 3, Portugal (V Rocha and N Barreto)

LASER: 1, R Scheidt (Br); 2, B Ainslie (GB), 3, P Moberg (Nor).

SOLING: 1, Germany (U Schuemann, T Flach, B Jaeckel) 2, Russia (G Shayduko, D Shabanov, I Skalin); 3, United States (J Madrigal, J Barton, K Massey)

STAR: 1, Brazil (T Grael and M Ferreira), 2, Sweden (H Wallen and B Lohse); 3, Australia (C Beashel and D Giles)

TORNADO: 1, Spain (J L Ballester and F Leon), 2, Australia (M Booth and A Landenberger), 3, Brazil (L Grael and K Pelicano).

WOMEN'S EUROPE: 1, K Roug (Den); 2, M Matthijsse (Hol) 3, C Becker-Dey (US)

WOMEN'S MISTRAL: 1, Lee Lai-shan (HK); 2, B Kendall (NZ), 3, A Sensini (It)

WOMEN'S 470: 1, Spain (T Zabell and B Via Dufresne) 2, Japan (Y Shige and A Kinoshita), 3, Ukraine (R Taran and O Pakholchik)

All Olympic Games results compiled by Barry Trowbridge

Boxing seeks method of levelling up the score

Srikumar Sen reports on the sporting contest between human and computer

Human error could be eliminated from scoring in Olympic boxing matches if a computerised system which is under consideration proves successful in trials in Australia.

Instead of five judges recording hits on a computer at the touch of a button, the job of scoring will be left entirely to a computer, which will record blows on the target area through special devices attached to the gloves and vests of boxers.

Because of a large number of complaints from competitors, boxing officials and the public in Atlanta about the scoring, the International Amateur Boxing Association (IABA) is keen to find a better system for the next Games in Sydney.

Arthur Tunstall, an Australian who is the vice-president of IABA, said: "I have believed for a long time that with the advances in technology there must be a way in which you could put a sensor in a glove and then mark the body at four or five points. When a blow is struck on one of these five points it will score. That way there will be no argument.

"There could be difficulties involving different weights. The flyweights don't hit as hard as heavyweights, but this could be overcome by altering the sensitivities of the sensors according to the weights. When I get home I am going to talk to our scientific people and see if they can work something out like this. If they can come up with a solution, the IABA would look at it provided it proved successful."

The system, even if it has all the flaws of artificial intelligence, must be better than the present one in which at least three of the five judges must press a button within a second of each other to record a hit. Many good blows were not recorded because some judges could not react fast enough.

I lost count of how many times Jim Neilly, the BBC commentator, told viewers: "That was a good hit but it doesn't seem to have been recorded by the judges." Much as Neilly tried to inject excitement into the matches, they remained lifeless and boring because the judges' scoring, or rather the lack of it, interfered with the flow of the contest. Quite often what the boxers were doing seemed not as important as what the judges were getting up to.

It is asking too much of a judge to have the reflexes of a boxer. Sugar Ray Leonard used to put ten to fifteen punches together in the space of a couple of seconds. There is no way a judge could keep up with a Leonard, who, by the time a judge has hit a button 16 times to record his blows, has landed another 20 or 30 punches.

In one case, a boxer was given a standing count without a hit being registered by the judges. No wonder that an American judge and referee threw in the towel and quit because of the system. One United States team coach said it was time for amateur boxing to "get a hold of the system and throw it all in the trashcan."

Celeste of St Helier, left, at the head of the Sigma 33 fleet during yesterday's Skandia Life Cowes Week racing in the Solent

Mills gets into regatta spirit

By Edward Gorman
SAILING CORRESPONDENT

CHARLIE MILLS is something of a legend on the east coast racing circuit. He firmly believes that one should enjoy their yachting to the limit, especially ashore after the actual racing. Some sailors genuinely believe that they perform better with a hangover; Mills, a hotelier from Colchester, has never given himself the chance to test whether, perhaps, he does not.

This year, he has turned up in Cowes to try out his new boat, *Shoot the Bar*, an interesting 31-foot hybrid designed by Tony Castro, a Hamble-based naval architect. The wooden hull in Canadian Red cedar, is new but it has been designed to accommodate the rig, engine and fittings from Mills's last boat, a three-quarter tonner called *Abzoelutely*, once known as *Decosol Car Care*.

Mills took delivery of the new boat from Rock Run, a firm of builders in Plymouth, only last week and then had a hairy experience sailing her up to Cowes for her first racing. The oversized rudder was causing reverse helm, making the yacht uncontrollable especially under the spinnaker. Mills and his crew reduced the blade's size by eight per cent to rectify the problem.

With *Shoot the Bar*'s only sister ship, *Circuiteer*, owned by Mark Pelling, from Kent, also racing in Class 3, Cowes is providing the perfect test for Mills. The two boats are rated just one point apart because of *Circuiteer*'s slightly bigger rig. On Sunday, *Circuiteer* was second in the 24-strong fleet with Mills close behind in third.

Yesterday, in much fresher conditions, Pelling again managed to finish second while Mills was also doing well until he was forced to drop out of the race towards the end, to pick up a man overboard from a yacht racing close by.

He was last seen seeking redress in the protest room. So far Mills, who has won Burnham Week and numerous races on the east coast, is happy enough with the new boat, which he reckons has saved him about £70,000.

"I've been hammered on the handicap and I am quite upset about that," he said. "It's all right. Sunday was the first time we've ever been up the beat on her. She was sloppy in the middle numbers, but, once the wind went over about 14 knots, she was wonderful."

Mills, who has eight of his east coast crew on board, believes that he can beat Pelling so long as he gets his team to gel. "We are quicker in a straight line, but they are better round the corners," he said.

Mills is working hard to enjoy himself after a two-year absence from the world's biggest regatta. "I am just desperately trying to get everybody to stop drinking in the beer tent and get them to drink in pubs, with glasses and barmaids that smile, and where people aren't being sick over you all the time," he said.

Elsewhere yesterday, the Glenfiddich Melges 24 fleet had another close day's racing in a good breeze. Mike Lennon, the class national champion on *Raw Hyde*, sailed brilliantly to win after being over-early at the start and having to go back.

"We went back to make sure we were legitimate and I am delighted we've got another first to add to our tally," he said.

Meanwhile, the big-boat maxi class raced around the Isle of Wight with the two Grand Mistral boats, *Nicorette* skippered by Ludde Ingvall and the Russian-owned *Grand Mistral*, claiming first and second places, with John Caulcutt's *Multipep* in third.

In Class 1, Stephen Bailey's Bashford Howison 41, *Arbitrator*, took the honours in the battle of the BH 41s with Jocelyn Waller's *Silk 2* in second and Glynn Williams's *Wolf* third.

SKANDIA LIFE COWES WEEK: CHS Class one (Sir Walter Preston Cup): 1, Arbitrator (S Bailey); 2, Silk 2 (J Waller); 3, Woolf (G Williams). CHS Class two: 1, Playback (K Lawrence); 2, Thunder (C Jago); 3, Mustang Sally (J McWilliam). CHS Class three: 1, J'Ronimo (J Grindell); 2, Circuiteer (M Pelling); 3, Billy Mac Whizz (R Cameron Davies). CHS Class four: 1, Owl (P Bruce); 2, Ace (J Layfield); 3, Caroline (M Delbrell). CHS Class five: 1, Lelia (N Harley); 2, Addict (I Handley); 3, Starborn 2 (P Dickson). CHS Class six: 1, Shallot (M Moody); 2, Pink Lime (N Houlding); 3, Non Plus (A Wilkins). Maxi: 1, Nicorette (L Ingvall); 2, Grand Mistral (S Bovodin); 3, Multi Pep (J Caulcutt). ISC Handicap: 1, Debonnaire (D Guy); 2, Chartreuse (P Newell); 3, Trilogy of Brighton (A Uren. Sportsboats: 1, No.13 (Z Trumper); 2, Nickers (J Stelling); 3, Entertainments Committee (P Poland). Melges 24: 1, Raw Hyde (M Lennon); 2, What A Blast (M Vincent); 3, Snickers (D Clark). Etchells: 1, Yes (A Gosling); 2, Number Six (M Sparks); 3, Lucy Blue (S Lawrence). X99: 1, Panic IV (B Leth); 2, Expression (R Engelbrecht); 3, Exolist (H Van Dalen). Sigma 38: 1, Highlander (G Logan); 2, Solent Plexus (B Van Bilderbeek); 3, Yeoman XXVIII (HRH Duke of Edinburgh). Sigma 33: 1, Firestorm (J Perry); 2, Moonshine (J Kelly); 3, Shadowfax (J Nelson). Daring: 1, Dionysus (B Huber); 2, Destroyer (D Sheriff); 3, Streak (H Janson). Dragon: 1, Saphire III (J and D Biddle); 2, Spitfire (K Fraivokh); 3, Ruyjin (R Perkins). Sonata: 1, Sonic (M Jaffe); 2, Rondo (B Sharp); 3 Rhythm And Blues (B Sharp). J24: 1, Fruitcakes (J Bullock); 2, The Kenembe Connection (C Kearns); 3, Tiger (J Anderson). Redwing: 1, Curlew (Dr J and H Cuddigan); 2, Avocad (Sir Michael Richardson); 3, Quail (J Peel). Sunfast 36: 1, Sunsail Papa (P Fuller); 2, Sunsail Bravo (C Gordon); 3, Sunsail Romeo (P Chilton). Sunbeam: 1, Polly (J Money); 2, Danny (R Wickens); 3, Melody (J Ford). Swallow: 1, Migrant (C Fisher); 2, Echo (R Hindson); 3, Goosander (M Upton). Mermaid: 1, Rosemary (N Dobbs); 2, Miranda (B Few-Brown); 3, Jade (A Sheed). Contessa 32: 1, Blanco (T Vanner); 2, Trader Jo (J Gresham); 3, Wight Rabbit (P Bells). Squib: 1, Satu (D Hewitt); 2, Notonous (G Richards); 3, Thrifty (P Dixon). Flying 15: 1, Funny Feeling (R Mander); 2, Mr Toad (P Rudling); 3, Byffocal (D Rutherford). XOD: 1, Lone Star (M White); 2, X-Ray (R Balme); 3, Oyster (G Palmer). Scod: 1, Tuonela (R Harding); 2, Verily of Cowes (F Hetherington); 3, Topkapi of Bosham (R Wheeler). Victory: 1, Steadfast (B Middleditch); 2, Zinnia (J Lear); 3, Fenella (P Madden).

Olympian protests by selling medals

LUKAS POLLERT, the Czech canoeist, has sold his Olympic gold and silver medals after claiming that the Games had been bought by politicians and sponsors, it was reported in Prague yesterday. Pollert sold his silver medal won in the Canadian singles in Atlanta and his gold medal from the 1992 Games in Barcelona to a Prague investment brokerage, the Czech CTK agency said.

The agency said that Pollert and the firm had agreed not to reveal how much was paid for the medals, which will be displayed in company headquarters. "They don't [stage the Games] for sportsmen, only for politicians and sponsors." Pollert was quoted as saying.

Avenger Chang

Tennis: Michael Chang, the No 1 seed, finally won the Infinti Open title in Los Angeles, on his fourth appearance in the final. He beat Richard Krajicek 6-4, 6-3 to avenge his defeat in the 1993 final. "It feels great to win here," Chang, who grew up nearby, said.

Gascoigne delay

Football: Paul Gascoigne, of Rangers, looks likely to miss the start of the season in Scotland. Gascoigne is suspended for both legs of the European Cup Champions' League preliminary round tie, when Rangers meet Alania Vladikavkaz, of Russia, and an Achilles injury seems certain to delay his start to the domestic programme.

Roses dilemma

Cricket: Yorkshire will make a last-minute decision over whether Michael Bevan plays in their NatWest Trophy semi-final against Lancashire at Old Trafford on August 13. Bevan, the Australia left-hander, has to fly home later that day to join a training camp in preparation the short tour of Sri Lanka.

Maske to retire

Boxing: Henry Maske, 32, from Germany, the International Boxing Federation world light-heavyweight champion, says that he will retire after meeting Virgil Hill, of the United States, on October 12.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

NEMBRO, Italy: Junior international (Italy v France v Great Britain v Spain; winners and British): 5,000m: 1, D Posada (Sp) 14min 35.5sec; 5, A Graffin (Tonbridge) 15:01.2; 7, S Haughian (Hounslow) 15:04.5. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, A Alvarez (Sp) 8:59.7; 5, B Whitby (Hounslow) 9:13.3; 8, S Wurr (Leamington) 9:46.6. 4 x 100m relay: France 40.1sec; 3, Great Britain 40.5. 4 x 400m relay: 1, Spain 3min 10.0sec; 2, Great Britain 3:11.1. Pole vault: 1, R Mesnil (Fr) 5.10m; 4, M Davis (Corby) 4.80; 5, C Leskey (Barnsley) 4.60. Triple jump: 1, C Fotana (Fr) 16.13m; 4 J Peacock (Thurrock) 15.24; 7, M Bramble (Blackheath) 14.85. Hammer: 1, A Salgado (Sp) 63.56m; 6, J Urquhart (Shettleston) 55.92; 8, M Bell (Corby) 53.42. Javelin: 1, D Richard (Fr) 71.32m; 4, D Parker (Scarborough) 68.44; 5, M Francis (Sutton) 65.64. 10km walk: 1, F Fernandez (Sp) 41:16.0; 7, M Hales (Syening) 49:48.6; 8, S Taylor (Leicester WC) 51:39.2. Match result: 1, Spain 194pts; 2, France 193; 3, Great Britain 170; 4, Italy 146.

ABERDARE: Welsh championships: Decathlon (first day): E Jones (Cardiff) 3,052pts. Heptathlon (first day): A Morton (Newport) 2,193.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 7 Cincinnati 3; Philadelphia 4 Pittsburgh 2; St Louis 4 New York 2; Colorado 6 Chicago 1; Houston 7 San Francisco 6; Atlanta 6 Los Angeles 4; San Diego 6 Florida 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 13 Minnesota 6; Cleveland 14 Baltimore 2; Toronto 7 California 1; Seattle 9 Detroit 3; New York 5 Kansas City 3; Oakland 4 Milwaukee 2; Texas 9 Chicago 5.

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BOWLS

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: Women's world outdoor championships: Fifth round: Pairs: Group one: Zambia bt Argentina 23-17; Cook Islands bt Holland 26-17; Zimbabwe bt Israel 20-17; Swaziland bt Papua New Guinea 25-18; Ireland (P Nolan and M Johnston) bt Spain 22-18; Norfolk Island bt Japan 28-16; South Africa bt Wales (A Dainton and R Jones) 20-16; Hong Kong bt Namibia 24-17. Group two: Fiji bt New Zealand 29-11; Malaysia bt Western Samoa 23-14. Guernsey (J and A Simon) bt Singapore 25-15; Australia bt England (G Fitzgerald and N Shaw) 21-14; Jersey (J Jones and S Sywet) bt India 22-17, Scotland (J Forrest and J Lindores) bt Kenya 31-18; United States bt Botswana 26-19. Sixth round: Group one: Papua New Guinea bt Norfolk Island 20-9; Ireland bt Argentina 33-7; South Africa bt Hong Kong 26-19, Cook Islands bt Japan 23-10; Namibia bt Zambia 23-11; Spain bt Holland 29-21; Israel bt Swaziland 22-17; Wales bt Zimbabwe 19-16. Group two: Australia bt Canada 16-14; Jersey bt Fiji 18-16; Scotland bt Botswana 15-13; United States bt Singapore 20-14, Kenya bt New Zealand 18-16; Western Samoa bt India 30-12; England bt Guernsey 18-14. Triples: Group one: England (W Line; J Baker and M Price) bt Swaziland 20-12, Malaysia bt Cook Islands 25-9; Canada bt Spain 31-14; Guernsey (J Meriel and J Nicolle and S Paul) bt Kenya 21-11; Scotland (M Latham, B Forsythe and S Gourley) bt Singapore 21-14, South Africa bt Zambia 21-18; Namibia drew with Fiji 13-13; United States bt Kenya 15-12; Scotland bt Swaziland 21-15; Fiji bt South Africa 17-18, Namibia bt Canada 16-12; England bt Zambia 29-12; Singapore bt Malaysia 20-11; Guernsey bt Spain 18-11. Group two: Wales (A Sutherland, J Wason and B Morgan) bt India 31-12; Holland bt Western Samoa 19-15; Botswana bt Japan 31-7; Jersey (S Noel, K Horman and V Stead) bt Israel 18-15; Norfolk Island bt New Zealand 20-15. Ireland (P Mackle, H Taylor and C O'Gorman) bt Papua New Guinea 19-13; Australia bt Argentina 25-14; Israel bt Hong Kong 20-15; New Zealand bt India 29-10; Ireland bt Argentina 30-11; Botswana bt Australia 18-14; Papua New Guinea bt Wales 19-14, Norfolk Island bt Western Samoa 28-6. Jersey bt Japan 23-10.

GLIDING

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH: National 15-metre championship: First day (187km Tri Aylesbury, Grafham: 39 completions of 50) 1, J Wills (LS6) 78.1 kph, 961pts; 2, J Edyvean (Ventus) 73.4, 892; 3, P Hurd (LS6) 72.2, 876; 4, B Marsh (LS8) 70.6, 853; 5, G Dale (ASW24) 70, 843; 6, S Hallum (Discus) 69.5, 837; equal 7: P Crabb (LS8), S Crabb (LS8) 69.3, 834. Second day (349km quad: all 51 completed): 1, S Jones (Ventus 2) 112.3, 1,000; 2, M Wells (LS8) 110, 969; 3, A Kay (Ventus 2) 109.9, 968; 4, Wills 108.9, 955; 5, S Crabb 107.7, 938; 6, P Crabb 107.6, 937; 7, R Cheetham (LS8) 107, 930. Overall positions: 1, Wills 1,916pts; 2, Edyvean 1769; 3, S Crabb 1,772; 4, P Crabb 1,771; 5, Marsh 1,755; 6, S Jones 1,752.

GOLF

MICHIGAN: Buick Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 266: J Leonard 65, 64, 69, 68. 271: C Beck 69, 65, 70, 67. 273: W Austin 72, 65, 68, 68; J Carter 65, 67, 72, 69; D Stockton Jr 69, 66, 66, 72; R Fehr 64, 67, 70, 72. 274: W Levi 68, 65, 71, 70; O Browne 70, 69, 67, 68; M McCumber 72, 67, 67, 68; F Funk 68, 72, 66, 68; J Williamson 67, 69, 66, 72; B Tway 68, 66, 65, 75. 275: J Haas 67, 69, 72, 67; P Jordan 70, 70, 67, 68; B Fleisher 71, 67, 68, 69; R Cochran 70, 66, 68, 71; J Sluman 68, 67, 69, 73. Other scores: 280: E Els (SA) 66, 70, 72, 72. 283: H Sasaki (Japan) 68, 71, 72, 72; S Elkington (Aus) 72, 70, 75, 66. 284: T Nakajima (Japan) 72, 70, 71, 71; W Grady (Aus) 71, 71, 70, 72. 285: S Rintoul (Aus) 68, 72, 71, 74. 286: J Ozaki (Japan) 70, 72, 73, 71; L Parsons (Aus) 70, 72, 71, 73; C Parry (Aus) 69, 72, 70, 75. 289: W Westner (SA) 74, 68, 73, 74.

EDMONTON, Alberta: LPGA Du Maurier Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 277: L Davies (GB) 71, 70, 70, 66. 279: K Webb (Aus) 65, 68, 74, 72; N Lopez 68, 71, 69, 71. 280: M Mallon 72, 65, 69, 74. 281: P Hurst 69, 70, 68, 74. 283: L Neumann (Swe) 69, 74, 67, 73; A Sorenstam (Swe) 71, 70, 69, 73. 284: D Dormann 69, 70, 71, 74; K Postlewait 72, 68, 70, 74. 285: A Fruhwirth 70, 71, 71, 73; R Jones 70, 71, 68, 76. Other scores: 286: M Figueras-Dotti (Sp) 70, 71, 72, 73; C Matthew (GB) 71, 70, 75, 70. 287: J Stephenson (Aus) 73, 71, 71, 72. 289: K Marshall (GB) 69, 72, 74, 74. 293: C Pierce (GB) 71, 75, 77, 70; P Wright (GB) 71, 72, 75, 75. 294: C Nilsmark (Swe) 71, 75, 74, 74. 295: S Strudwick (GB) 73, 72, 71, 79. 300: A-M Palli (Fr) 75, 72, 77, 76.

BELTON, Missouri: VFW Seniors' championship: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 200: D Eichelberger 64, 68, 68. 202: J Colbert 65, 69, 68. 204: L Trevino 68, 70, 66; D Stockton 66, 70, 68. 205: B Murphy 73, 65, 67. Other score: 207: S Hobday (SA) 71, 69, 67.

TENNIS

LOS ANGELES: Men's tournament: Final: M Chang (US) bt R Krajicek (Holl) 6-4, 6-3

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Uefa Cup
Qualifying round, first leg
Budapest Vasutas v Barry Town (5.30)
FC Kosice v Celtic (4.0)
Zhalgiris Vilnius v Aberdeen (4.30)

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Bristol City v Bristol Rovers (7.45); Bromsgrove Rovers v Hereford United (7.45); Fulham v Queens Park Rangers (7.45); Gretna v Carlisle United (7.0); Inter Cable-Tel v Cardiff, Millwall v Liverpool (7.45), Rotherham United v Bolton Wanderers (7.45); Rushden and Diamonds v Arsenal (7.45); Scunthorpe United v Barnsley; Watford v Oxford United (7.45); Wolverhampton Wanderers v Hamburg (7.45); Wycombe Wanderers v Southampton (7.45); Leek Town v Crewe Alexandra; Oxford City v Slough Town, Northampton Town v Ipswich Town (7.45)

CRICKET

Tour match
10.45, 50 overs
CHELMSFORD: Essex v South Africa A

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire. Seaton Carew: Durham v Lancashire. Pontypridd: Glamorgan v Essex. Bournemouth SC: Hampshire v Sussex. Harrow CC: Middlesex v Kent. Nottingham High School: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire. The Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire. Studley: Warwickshire v Somerset. Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Lakenham: Norfolk v Hertfordshire; Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk v Lincolnshire. (first day of two): Luton: Bedfordshire v Cambridgeshire; St Austell: Cornwall v Shropshire; Bovey Tracey: Devon v Wiltshire.

RUGBY LEAGUE

International match
Scotland v Ireland
(at Partick Thistle FC, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championships (at Leamington Spa).
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Dublin horse show (at Ballsbridge)
ROWING: World championships (at Strathclyde)
SAILING: Skandia Life Cowes week.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday August 10
Coupon No, fixture, forecast
VICTORIA
SECOND DIVISION
1 Altona C v S Danden'g X
2 Bell Park v Waverley 2
3 E Altona v Nunawading 1
4 Knox C v Frankston P 2
5 Mooroolb'k v Oakleigh X
6 Regent v E Brunswick 2
7 W Vale v E Richmond 1
THIRD DIVISION
8 Banyule v S Caulfield X
9 Chelsea v Fitzroy 2
10 Clifton v Melbourne 2
11 Pascoe v Keilor 1
12 Ringwood v Fr'kston 2
13 S Spr'gvale v Diam'd 1
14 S Werribee v Cranb'm X
FOURTH DIVISION
15 Corio v Sun Heights 2
16 Langwarrin v Lalor 1
17 Monbulk v Yarraville 2
18 Moreland v Sunbury 1
19 N Coburg v Geelong X
20 Seaford U v Wil'mst'n 1
21 Ston'gton v Sand'g'm 1
FIFTH DIVISION
22 Glenroy v Ballarat 1
23 Heidelberg v Doveton 2
24 Mitcham v Keysboro 2
25 Morn'gton v Geel'g R X
26 N Sunshine v Knox Pk 1
27 S Werribee v O Scotch 1
28 Springvale C v Melton 1
WEST AUSTRALIA
FIRST DIVISION
29 Bassendean v Ashf'd X
30 Dianella v Cockburn 1
31 Joondalup v N Lake 1
32 Perth C v Fremantle 2
33 Rock'gham v Balcatta 1
34 Southside v Morley X
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
PREMIER LEAGUE
35 B Eagles v Croydon 1
36 Port Lion v Camp'tt'n 1
37 Salisbury v Olympians 1
38 Woodville v Adel'de R 1
FIRST DIVISION
39 Adelaide C v Port Pirie 2
40 Elizabeth v Cumberl'd X
41 Enfield v W Adelaide 1
42 Noarlunga v Modbury X
43 Para Hills v Seaford 1
44 WT Birkalla v Plympt'n 1
QUEENSLAND
THIRD DIVISION
45 Annerley v Mitchelton 2
46 * Western v Souths V
FOURTH DIVISION
47 Bayside v Moggill X
48 Browns P v N Pine 2
49 Pine Hills v Ipswich 1
50 Samford v Greenbank 1
TASMANIA NORTH
PREMIER LEAGUE
51 Burnie v LW Eagles 1
52 Launceston v Dev'p't 1
53 Somerset v Ulverst'n 2
54 Western v St Leon'ds X
NEW SOUTH WALES
FIRST DIVISION
55 Bathurst v Auburn X
56 Minotours v Hills 2
THIRD DIVISION
57 Hawkesbury v Earlw'd 1
58 Wanderers v Gl'ville 2
* Void match

DRAWS (home teams): Altona City, Mooroolbark, Banyule, North Coburg, Mornington, Bassendean, Southside, Elizabeth, Noarlunga, Bayside, Western (Tasmania North premier league), Bathurst.
BEST DRAWS: Altona City, Mornington, Bassendean, Southside, Bayside
AWAYS: Waverley, East Brunswick, Fitzroy, Frankston, Sun Heights, Doveton, Fremantle, Port Pirie.
HOMES: East Altona, Langwarrin, Seaford United, North Sunshine, South Werribee, Rockingham, Port Lion, Salisbury, Para Hills, Pine Hills, Samford, Hawkesbury

☐ Vince Wright

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Look at this defensive problem from East's point of view. (The hands East can see are in plain text. The unseen hands are the ones in shaded boxes.)

Dealer South | Love all | Teams

North:
♠ A Q 9 7
♥ K J 8
♦ 9 8 7 2
♣ J 5

East:
♠ 4 3 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ A 10 6 5
♣ 9 6 2

S	W	N	E
1 C	2 C (1)	Dble	(2) Pass
5 C	All Pass		

Contract: Five Clubs by South. Lead: ace of hearts

(1) Showing a major two-suiter. (2) General values.

If at trick two West switches to the king of diamonds, what should East do? If West's king of diamonds is singleton, it may be necessary to overtake and give him a ruff. That doesn't quite hold water — that would mean that South had four diamonds and seven clubs, and in that case, he would not be able to take finesses in both majors. Maybe if you duck the king of diamonds West will do something foolish like try to give you a heart ruff? Also doesn't quite add up, but at any rate playing low may give West a chance to go wrong.

Now see what actually happened at the table. West was Malcolm Harris, playing for the English team that won the recent European Maccabean Invitational tournament. He switched to a *low* diamond at trick two, which gave East no chance to go wrong — he won the ace and returned one, to beat the contract by one.

Note that it was necessary for West to switch to diamonds. It was likely on the bidding that South had seven clubs, so he was threatening to make eleven tricks by taking finesses in both hearts and spades. Even if he had only six clubs he would still have eleven tricks if he held the ace of diamonds. So a diamond was called for, and the low one removed any chance of East having a problem.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Karpov's Record

The amazing and indefatigable Anatoly Karpov, far from resting after his gruelling match victory against Gata Kamsky in the FIDE world championship, travelled almost at once to the powerful international tournament in Biel, Switzerland. There, the 45-year-old FIDE champion notched up his 139th tournament victory, a world record which it will be virtually impossible to assail.

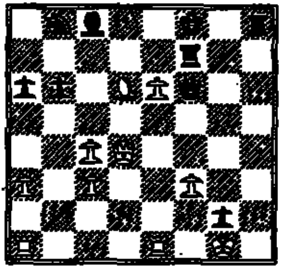
Nevertheless, although declared victor on tie-break, Karpov had to share top honours with the naturalised Swiss grandmaster, Vadim Milov, who won a particularly brilliant game against Tony Miles, of Britain, in the final round.

White: Vadim Milov
Black: Tony Miles
Biel, August 1996

English Defence

1	d4	e6
2	c4	b6
3	Nc3	Bb7
4	a3	g6
5	Nf3	Bg7
6	e4	Ne7
7	Be3	f5
8	e5	h6
9	h4	d6
10	exd6	cxd6
11	Bf4	a6
12	Be2	Ra7
13	0-0	g5
14	hxg5	Ng6
15	Bg3	hxg5
16	Re1	g4
17	Bd3	Kf7
18	d5	Bxc3
19	dxe6+	Kg8
20	Bxf5	gxf3
21	Bxg6	fxg2
22	Bf7+	Kg7
23	Qg4+	Kf8
24	f3	Bc8
25	bxc3	Rxf7
26	Qd4	Qf6
27	Bxd6+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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Biel final crosstable

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1 Karpov	*	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	½	7½
2 Milov	½	*	½	0	½	1	1	1	½	1	½	1	7½
3 Ehlvest	½	½	*	½	½	½	1	1	1	0	½	1	7
4 Andersson	½	1	½	*	0	1	½	½	0	1	½	½	6
5 Almasi	0	½	½	1	*	½	½	0	½	½	1	1	6
6 Lautier	½	0	½	0	½	*	½	½	1	½	1	1	6
7 Glek	½	0	0	½	½	½	*	½	½	1	1	1	6
8 Portisch	0	0	0	½	1	½	½	*	1	½	1	½	5½
9 Tukmakov	½	½	0	1	½	0	½	0	*	1	½	0	4½
10 Romanishin	0	0	1	0	½	½	0	½	0	*	½	½	3½
11 Onischuk	0	½	½	½	0	0	0	0	½	½	*	1	3½
12 Miles	½	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	1	½	0	*	3

In the above crosstable, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss.

By Philip Howard

YOUNGBERRY
a. A sort of loganberry
b. A new boy at Shrewsbury
c. A milk tooth

TALLENSI
a. Gambling with twigs
b. An Irish epic
c. A Ghanaian people

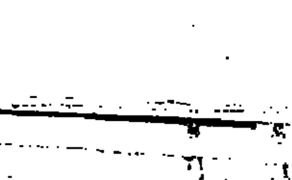
SPERMALEGE
a. Organ in a bedbug
b. A contraceptive
c. Corsican tribal law

TUPAN
a. A governor
b. A camp-fire billycan
c. A Chinese boat

Answers on page 42

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Zapata — Schussler, Santa Clara 1996. White has opened dangerous lines on the kingside against Black's king. Can you spot the fine combination with which he now completed the job?



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CRICKET: WASIM LEADS FROM FRONT IN SUMMARY DISMISSAL OF DURHAM BEFORE SECOND TEST

Pakistan ready to shuffle pack for Headingley

By Michael Henderson

CHESTER-LE-STREET: The Pakistanis beat Durham by seven wickets

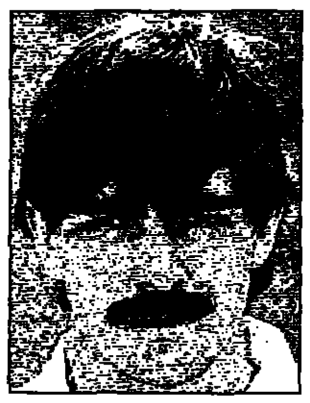
IT took the Pakistanis 26 overs to make the 134 they needed to beat Durham and, although the abominable pitch still held a few terrors, they lost only three wickets along the way. Asif Mujtaba secured one end for 19 unbeaten runs as his partners went for their shots at the other. It felt like end-of-term cricket, not preparation for an important Test match.

Little Asif had good reason to apply himself because, when that Test begins at Headingley on Thursday, there may be a place for him. Aamir Sohail, the opening batsman, saw a specialist in Leeds last night for advice on the arm injury that kept him out of this match and he must be a doubtful starter. It would be a considerable loss for the Pakistanis, as he is a handy fifth bowler as well as a very good and reliable batsman.

If he is unavailable, Pakistan can slide Shadab Kabir, who made his Test debut at Lord's, into the opening spot, alongside Saeed Anwar, and bring in Asif to reinforce the middle order, either at No 5 or, if Salim Malik is dropped, one place lower. Salim did not have a distinguished match, bowled off a no-ball yesterday by Killeen when he was nought, and then "boxed" by Wood before he hit the winning run.

By dropping Salim, Pakistan could then include the talented 19-year-old off spinner, Saqlain Mushtaq, who took six wickets in this match and once again revealed himself to be a capable cricketer. Wasim Akram, who made a brisk half-century here and is a noticeably relaxed captain, could promote himself to No 7 in the order, which is not too great a risk for a batsman of his ability.

First of all, the Pakistanis will want to have a look at the Headingley pitch, which will have more grass on than Lord's, as England seek to shift the balance of the series from swing to seam. There is a bit of kidology in all this, as if all the Pakistanis can do is swing the old ball. They won't bother too much about the pitch they find at Leeds, because they have the bowlers to win any match.


Brown: effective

Wasim was in his element with the ball against Durham, adding four second innings to the three he earned on Saturday. Despite reducing his run, and pace, the batsmen had no answer to the range of his bowling from over and round the wicket. He conceded 19 runs in as many overs, the wastrel! He needs nine more wickets for 300 in Tests and nobody should bet against his achieving his third "century" of his remarkable career at Headingley.

Brown, caught at short leg as he fended off a short ball, and Saggers, bowled, were his victims yesterday, after Durham resumed on 96 for seven. Roseberry, batting with a fractured right index finger, went in between, bowled as he advanced to drive Saqlain. For this innings and his unbeaten 93 on the first day, when his finger was cracked, the Durham captain was named man of the match.

The award might easily have gone to Brown, whose two wickets yesterday gave him seven in a losing cause. He never gets too worked up about his successes and his apparent lack of ambition may count against him in the long run, but Durham could do with a few more like him. Saeed was caught down the legside and Ijaz, who batted like a man in a hurry, was leg before.

Inzamam, as everybody knows, does not like running any more than he has to and this mood suited the Pakistanis, who clearly wanted to get to Leeds as soon as possible. After spanking strokes to the boundary on both sides of the wicket, he skied an attempted pick-up to Ligertwood.

With 11 runs needed, Morris, the acting captain, gave Robin Weston a go with his leg spin and Salim, a part-time leggie himself, smashed his first ball to the cover boundary. Weston, like his Worcestershire-based brother, was christened with three names, the last of them, intriguingly, Swann. So there is at least one reader of Proust in the North East.

Saeed drives to the boundary during the Pakistanis' victory. Photograph: Carl Rutherford

FOOTBALL

Burns turns to familiar faces for Uefa Cup

By Kevin McCarra

THE journey to Kosice, for the Uefa Cup preliminary round first-leg tie this afternoon, has forced Celtic to a return to the past. Injury has stripped the side of its summer signings, with Alan Stubbs left behind and Paolo Di Canio unlikely to play much part in the game, so Tommy Burns, the manager, is compelled to revert to last season's line-up for the match with the Slovakian club.

He is at least compensated by the knowledge that rapport should be increased in a unit composed of familiar faces. While Celtic won their pre-season match against Arsenal, in which the new purchases were hurt, the team looked disjointed. Assimilating the fresh arrivals may be a project best postponed when there are European opponents to be faced.

In any case, Burns does have some reasons for optimism. The injury-prone Phil O'Donnell has been healthy throughout the pre-season period and could now be ready to provide, on a regular basis, the thrust in midfield for which he was bought two years ago. In central defence, Brian O'Neil appears to have completed the long recovery from knee surgery and has enjoyed a successful pre-season after being encouraged to be more aggressive by Burns.

The match with Kosice should be a thorough examination not only of Celtic's physical well-being but also of their accomplishment. The Slovakians possess their country's leading scorer from last season, Robert Cemenak, and, with substantial backing from sponsors, are attempting to overturn the domination of Slovan Bratislava.

Aberdeen, Scotland's other Uefa Cup representatives, can scarcely spare time to agonise over Zalgiris Vilnius, their adversaries in Lithuania today, when their own problems are demanding so much attention. Roy Aitken's side lost 3-1 to Everton at Pittodrie on Saturday, rounding off a preparatory period that has included five defeats in seven matches.

The manager still awaits a work permit for Tzanko Tzvetanov, the Bulgaria defender, and is attempting to make other signings to add to his single purchase, Ilian Kiriakov, another Bulgarian, but an improved performance will have to be conjured from the existing squad this afternoon.

The situation is all the more frustrating since Aberdeen might normally have been trusted to defeat Vilnius, who only survived the earlier part of the preliminary round with a flustered 3-2 aggregate victory over the Irish club, Crusaders. Aitken is also likely to be without Scott Booth, the forward, who was injured on Saturday.

Italian's demands too high for Wednesday

By Peter Ball

SHEFFIELD Wednesday yesterday abandoned their attempt to sign Attilio Lombardo, the Juventus winger, when he demanded a salary of £1.7 million a year.

"The player's expectations were such that we had to pull out," Graham Mackrell, the Wednesday secretary, said. "The offer we made him would have made him one of the highest paid players in England, but we were not prepared to go down a path that whould have meant us paying crazy money."

Middlesbrough, too, are finding that signing an Italian is not plain sailing. They are hoping that international clearance will come through for Fabrizio Ravanelli this morning, in time for him to make his debut against Juventus, his former club, in Cesena this evening.

Ravenelli was forced to miss Middlesbrough's matches against Parma and Modena over the weekend when Juventus refused to release the clearance until the first instalment of the transfer fee was received.

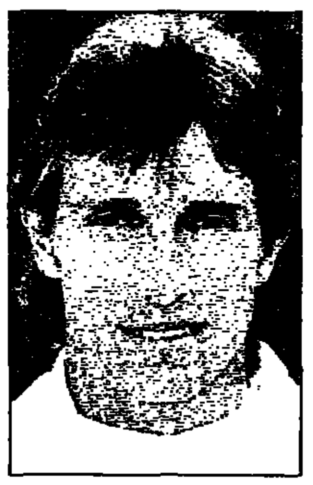
"There isn't a problem," Keith Lamb, the Middlesbrough chief executive, said yesterday. "The money has been paid, but it took 24 hours to telex it out, and, by the time it arrived on Friday, it was too late for it to be cleared."

Manchester United hope to have Jordi Cruyff's transfer finalised this week, while Karel Poborsky, their £3.5 million signing, trained with them yesterday. Poborsky is likely to make his United debut at some stage in the FA Charity Shield on Sunday.

Chris Wright, the music entrepreneur, yesterday assumed control of Queens Park Rangers, and promised that money would be available to strengthen the team.

Gillingham have been forced to cancel their match against Portsmouth tonight because of high policing costs.

Leicestershire pay price for captain's caution


Curran: aggressive

By Ivo Tennant

LEICESTER (final day of four): Leicestershire (9pts) drew with Northamptonshire (11)

JUDGING the timing of a declaration is one of the most difficult aspects of captaincy. Phil Simmons, leading Leicestershire for the first time in a championship match, had a stab at doing so yesterday. He left Northamptonshire to make 296 off what, ultimately, was 59 overs, and that, on a pitch giving his spinners some help, proved insufficient time to bowl them out.

To what extent the thinking was affected by historical rivalry was hard to ascertain. That they go to the top of the table, ahead of Yorkshire as well as Surrey, was entirely due to being rewarded for gaining a draw. The three points that they received amount to their lead of the championship.

Although they had won their four previous championship matches and Pierson and Brimson obtained some turn, Leicestershire could only contemplate bowling Northamptonshire out for a second time. As was the case when they came so close to becoming champions under Nigel Briers two years ago, they are essentially a collection of average players who make the most of their ability.

Take Maddy. His century was the first of his career and hence was an important innings. It did, though, take almost six hours and he took 16 balls to make the all-important run at a time when Simmons was looking to declare. Rather than do so at lunch, when Maddy was unbeaten with 99, he chose to continue batting afterwards, and, when that elusive run was finally scored, it was as a result of a misfield by Ambrose.

A Leicestershire captain of the past, such as Tony Lock or Raymond Illingworth, would assuredly have declared earlier. Then again, they would have bowled out their opponents themselves.

Such wickets as Simmons's bowlers gave him now came only intermittently. Mullally, who relished some uneven bounce that he found at one end, struck Fordham on the helmet before having him caught at second slip. Walton and Capel were leg-before to Pierson, swinging across the line. The ball that removed the latter kept decidedly low.

When Curran came in and took the attack to the bowlers in his pugilistic way, Northamptonshire's requirements did not seem quite so unrealistic.

At the start of the last hour, which nowadays is 16 overs, they needed 146, six wickets intact. In the kind of form that Curran was in — 150 on Saturday, an unbeaten half century on Sunday — he might as well have had a go. His difficulty was retaining partners. Loye was stubbornly effective, but was in no mood to attempt to make rapid runs; Penberthy went without scoring to Pierson.

Sooner or later, whoever is leading Leicestershire will have to take a greater risk than their captain did here.

Lampitt piles on misery for Kent

By Jack Bailey

CANTERBURY (final day of four): Worcestershire (24pts) bt Kent (6) by 192 runs

GLORIOUS weather and delightful surroundings, but otherwise it has been a Canterbury cricket festival which Kent will want to forget. It began with the news that they had lost one captain (Benson) and mislaid his successor (Marsh, with a broken finger). Then there was that traumatic ten-wicket defeat on Sunday, not to mention Mark Ealham's injury. Yesterday brought comprehensive defeat by Worcestershire in the championship. Kent's first loss of the season, as they were bowled out for 108 runs in two hours and 20 minutes.

Daryl Foster, the Kent coach, expressed their determination to overcome what he termed "a blip". While admitting that Kent's approach to batting last on a highly-suspect pitch had been too frenetic, he pointed to the immense advantage attached to winning the toss and having a player such as Graeme Hick to take advantage of it.

For many, though, there was one further ingredient to be added. That lay in the contributions of Rhodes and Lampitt for Worcestershire. When Worcestershire's first innings was in danger of subsiding, these two added 159 for the seventh wicket. Yesterday, their contribution to Worcesteshire's lead of 300 was an unbroken stand of 76.

A silly run-out began Kent's headlong decline. Fulton played into the covers and called, unwisely, for a single: Walker declined and the throw of Curtis, coming in from mid-off, easily beat Fulton's hasty scramble to regain his crease.

After that, only Fleming's forthright treatment of anything remotely pitched up reaped any kind of harvest. Others attempted similar tactics and perished. The ball came through at varying heights and Sheriyar and Lampitt had only to bowl line and length against batting more cavalier than staunch.

After Walker had fished for a wide one, Hooper and Llong fell to successive balls from Sheriyar. When Ward holed out from a skier to mid-off, five wickets were down for 53, Sheriyar had taken three for four in 15 balls and the end was in sight. After Fleming departed for 31, Lampitt duly polished off the tail.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings 459 for 9 dec (G A Hick 148, S R Lampitt 88, K R Spiring 71, S J Rhodes 68)

Second innings
T S Curtis c Wills b Headley 19
W P C Weston c Fulton b McCague 0
G A Hick b McCague 86
*T M Moody b Headley 2
K R Spiring c Hooper b Headley 0
V S Solanki b Headley 0
†S J Rhodes not out 41
S R Lampitt not out 33
Extras (b 12, lb 10, nb 4) 26
Total (6 wkts dec) 207

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-78, 3-82, 4-86, 5-86, 6-131.

BOWLING: McCague 11-1-49-2; Headley 17.3-1-81-4; Patel 22-9-49-0; Hooper 4-1-6-0.

KENT: First innings 366 (C L Hooper 76, M J Walker 57; S R Lampitt 4 for 92)

Second innings
D P Fulton run out 1
M J Walker c Rhodes b Moody 15
T R Ward c Ellis b Sheriyar 16
*C L Hooper lbw b Sheriyar 8
N J Llong b Sheriyar 0
M V Fleming c Curtis b Sheriyar 31
†S C Willis not out 21
M J McCague b Lampitt 4
D W Headley b Lampitt 5
M M Patel b Lampitt 0
M A Ealham absent injured –
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 2) 7
Total 108

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-18, 3-34, 4-34, 5-53, 6-79, 7-94, 8-108, 9-108

BOWLING: Sheriyar 16-6-58-4; Moody 7-2-22-1; Lampitt 6.4-3-25-3

Umpires: H D Bird and J W Holder.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series
Durham v Pakistanis

CHESTER-LE-STREET (final day of three): Pakistanis beat Durham by seven wickets

DURHAM: First Innings 307 (M A Roseberry 93 not out)

Second Innings
S L Campbell b Ata-ur-Rehman 0
S Hutton b Wasim 7
J E Morris c Rashid b Ata-ur-Rehman 0
J A Daley c Rashid b Wasim 5
R M S Weston c Asif b Saqlain 15
†D G C Ligertwood lbw b Asif 27
*M A Roseberry b Saqlain 48
J Wood lbw b Saqlain 0
S J E Brown c sub b Wasim 3
M J Saggers b Wasim 13
N Killeen not out 0
Extras (b 3, lb 8, nb 6) 17
Total 135

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-5, 3-14, 4-15, 5-47, 6-87, 7-88, 8-103, 9-131.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 18 4-10-19-4; Ata-ur-Rehman 18-3-59-2; Asif Mujtaba 3-0-8-1; Saqlain Mushtaq 16-7-37-3; Salim Malik 1-0-1-0.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings 309 (Wasim Akram 68, Rashid Latif 55; S J E Brown 5 for 88)

Second Innings
Saeed Anwar c Ligertwood b Brown 36
Asif Mujtaba not out 19
Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Brown 12
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Ligertwood b Killeen 34
Salim Malik not out 17
Extras (nb 16) 16
Total (3 wkts) 134

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-60, 3-101.

BOWLING: Brown 7-1-19-2, Wood 8-1-49-0; Saggers 3-1-17-0; Killeen 6 3-0-43-1; Weston 1-0-6-0.

Umpires: G I Burgess and N T Plews.

Britannic Assurance county championship
Leicestershire v Northamptonshire

LEICESTER (final day of four): Leicestershire (9pts) drew with Northamptonshire (11)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 422 (V J Wells 204, P V Simmons 75; J N Snape 4 for 42)

Second Innings
V J Wells c Ripley b Ambrose 4
D L Maddy not out 101
G I MacMillan lbw b Taylor 12
A Habib lbw b Ambrose 1
*P V Simmons b Snape 72
†P A Nixon run out 33
B F Smith run out 41
G J Parsons b Emburey 8
A R K Pierson not out 8
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 1, nb 4) 18
Total (7 wkts dec) 298

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-26, 3-31, 4-143, 5-208, 6-267, 7-288

BOWLING: Ambrose 13-1-34-2, Taylor 11-0-36-1; Snape 38-13-93-1; Emburey 33 5-6-99-1, Penberthy 8-2-23-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 425 (K M Curran 150, A L Penberthy 87, T C Walton 51; A D Mullally 4 for 112)

Second Innings
*A Fordham c Parsons b Mullally 19
M B Loye lbw b Pierson 69
T C Walton lbw b Pierson 38
D J Capel lbw b Pierson 14
K M Curran not out 62
A L Penberthy c Simmons b Pierson 0
J N Snape not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 8) 10
Total (5 wkts) 212

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-45, 2-99, 3-123, 4-165, 5-197.

BOWLING. Mullally 14-4-85-1, Parsons 21-8-56-0; Brimson 5-1-11-0; Pierson 18-5-49-4; MacMillan 1-0-9-0

Umpires R Julian and J D Bond.

Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan

WORKSOP (final day of four) Glamorgan (23pts) beat Nottinghamshire (6) by eight wickets

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 371 (A A Metcalfe 128)

Second Innings
P R Pollard c James b Croft 24
R T Robinson c Gibson b Croft 61
†W M Noon lbw b Watkin 0
A A Metcalfe c Cottey b Kendrick 41
*P Johnson b Croft 4
C L Cairns c and b Gibson 70
K P Evans c and b Kendrick 24
R T Bates c Cottey b Gibson 0
G W Mike c Morris b Kendrick 0
M N Bowen c Croft b Gibson 1
J A Afford not out 1
Extras (b 6, lb 4, w 1, nb 4) 15
Total 241

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-68, 2-69, 3-119, 4-127, 5-189, 6-232, 7-238, 8-238, 9-238

BOWLING: Watkin 11-3-23-1, Gibson 28 3-7-67-3; Croft 35-8-92-3, Kendrick 13-5-31-3, Butcher 3-0-18-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 489 (S P James 235, H Morris 69, R D B Croft 56)

Second Innings
S P James b Bowen 0
H Morris c Noon b Bates 71
A W Evans not out 48
*M P Maynard not out 4
Extras (lb 3) 3
Total (2 wkts) 126

FALL OF WICKETS 1-19, 2-122.

BOWLING: Cairns 7-3-14-0; Bowen 4-0-21-1, Afford 15-6-39-0; Evans 3-1-10-0; Bates 10.3-0-39-1

Umpires. B Dudleston and K J Lyons.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Leics (7)	11	6	1	4	35	37	180
Yorkshire (8)	12	6	4	2	37	38	177
Surrey (12)	11	5	1	5	36	40	171
Essex (5)	11	5	2	4	37	35	164
Derbyshire (14)	11	5	2	4	35	35	162
Kent (18)	11	5	1	5	32	35	162
Sussex (15)	11	5	4	2	21	35	142
Somerset (9)	10	4	3	3	22	38	133
Worcs (10)	11	3	3	5	28	40	131
Middlesex (2)	11	4	5	2	19	38	127
Glamorgan (16)	10	4	4	2	31	24	125
Warwicks (1)	10	4	4	2	22	31	123
Hampshire (13)	10	2	5	3	27	34	102
Gloucs (6)	11	2	4	5	14	38	99
Lancashire (4)	10	1	3	6	32	27	93
Northants (3)	11	1	5	5	26	35	92
Notts (11)	10	1	4	5	25	31	87
Durham (17)	12	0	8	4	17	44	73

(Last season's positions in brackets)

Gibson provokes rapid collapse

By Simon Wilde

WORKSOP (final day of four): Glamorgan (23pts) beat Nottinghamshire (6) by seven wickets

OTTIS GIBSON has been one of the less conspicuous overseas players of 1996 but he was very much at the heart of things as Glamorgan secured their second successive championship victory yesterday. Gibson's post-lunch spell of three for six in 39 balls kept his team's fourth-innings target to manageable proportions and they had won the match with ease 55 minutes after tea.

Gibson was playing only his third championship match of the season because of injury and illness — he missed seven weeks because of a hernia operation — and before his visit to this northern outpost of Nottinghamshire was sporting a most un-West Indian first-class bowling analysis of 37.4-0-228-0. He took six wickets on a slow pitch here and looked something like the finished article.

After Nottinghamshire resumed yesterday in the precarious position of 105 for two — still 13 runs in arrears — Gibson's first important act was to catch Robinson on the square-leg boundary. Robinson, who has the mental application to make light of such rearguard actions, had added nine to his overnight 52 when he experienced a rush of blood and pulled the ball into Gibson's grateful hands.

Croft soon accounted for another key wicket, that of Johnson, but that only brought Cairns to the crease to quickly alter the balance of the match. In typically flowing style, he moved to a half-century from 49 balls and by lunch he had scored 70 from 67 balls with 12 fours and a six.

Kendrick had dispatched the limpet-like Metcalfe but Glamorgan spent the interval rueing the absence of Watkin, who had injured a knee, and assessing their opponents' scope for turning a lead of 114 into one of more than 200, which might have been tricky to pass on a turning pitch and with the clock ticking.

Gibson ended all such speculations, though not without a little help from Cairns himself. His first ball after lunch was the gentlest of looseners. Its pace utterly confounded Cairns, who spooned it back for Gibson to complete a leaping catch at the second attempt. In the next over, Kendrick pulled off a return catch of his own to dismiss Evans, but this one was an absolute stunner: taken above his head off a full-blooded drive.

Mike followed later in Kendrick's same over and Gibson was soon to put paid to Bates and Bowen. Nottinghamshire had lost their last five wickets for nine runs in 75 balls after lunch and Glamorgan were left ample time to score 124.

They lost James — the first-innings double-century maker — for nought, bowled by a tidy away-swinger from Bowen, but some assured boundaries from Morris, who passed 1,000 runs for the season for a ninth time, soon calmed their nerves, after which it became only a matter of time.

Even then, the cricket remained absorbing, as Morris and the promising youngster, Alun Evans, grappled to keep Bates and Afford at bay.

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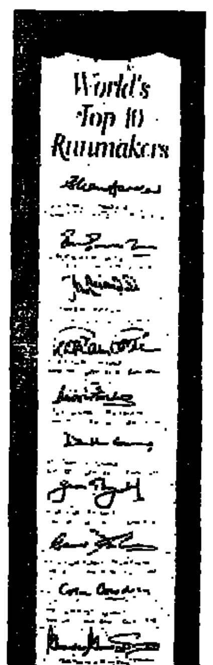

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RACING: 1,000 GUINEAS FAVOURITE TO MISS DEAUVILLE ENCOUNTER WITH ZAMINDAR

Dazzle on hold until Cheveley Park

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

DAZZLE, ante-post favourite for next year's 1,000 Guineas, is to miss her projected encounter with Zamindar, who dominates betting for the 2,000 Guineas, at Deauville a week on Sunday. The speedy filly now heads for the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket in October.

The Prix Morny came within Dazzle's compass after she landed the Cherry Hinton Stakes in effortless fashion three weeks ago. But connections have adopted a longer-term strategy for the daughter of Gone West, who remains unbeaten after two outings. After the Cheveley Park Stakes, Dazzle will retreat into winter quarters in preparation for the 1,000 Guineas.

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Michael Stoute, who trains Dazzle, said yesterday: "The French race was just a possibility. It is a group one race and prestigious in its own right, but the plan is to head for the Cheveley Park. It is not so much the presence of anything in France as what is best for the filly. She will go straight to Newmarket without another race."

Stoute indicated after the Cherry Hinton that he would pick Dazzle's targets selectively. He immediately ruled out the Lowther Stakes at York, which would have required Dazzle to carry a penalty. Although mouth-watering for the public, it was always unrealistic to expect horses of Dazzle and Zamindar's potential to lock horns so early in their respective careers.

John Marsh, assistant manager at Cheveley Park Stud, which owns Dazzle, confirmed the Prix Morny was one of many options. "We also entered her in the Nunthorpe Stakes even though we have Pivotal earmarked for that race," he said. "It was always in the back of Michael's mind to go directly for the Cheveley Park Stakes. She is developing all the time and that is the prize we want this year."

Further to Dazzle's removal from Prix Morny calculations, Peter Chapple-Hyam, the Manton trainer, is almost certain to bypass the French contest with Ocean Ridge. The Storm Bird filly finished five lengths behind Dazzle in the Cherry Hinton before carrying off the Prix Robert Papin nine days ago.

A Prix Morny attempt was later mooted but Ocean Ridge, together with her stable companion Carmine Lake, is now under consideration for the Heinz '57' Stakes in Ireland on Sunday. Whichever filly misses the group one test is likely to tackle the Lowther Stakes, in which Stoute will be represented by Moonshine Girl.

Chapple-Hyam is eagerly anticipating the return of Nash House, one-time Derby favourite who turns out in the Rose Of Lancaster Stakes at Haydock on Saturday. He reported the horse clear of the viral infection that compromised him in the Dante Stakes, but warned that Nash House would improve greatly for the race.

"I believe Nash House is a very good horse," Chapple-Hyam said. "He could hardly stand up after the Dante. He lost a lot of weight over the next two weeks, so we gave him six weeks off. We have brought him back slowly and he is now doing well." Both Nash House and his half-brother, Spectrum, hold the Arc engagement, but only one will line up in Paris.

Among those entered against Nash House at Haydock is Glory Of Dancer, fourth in the Derby and narrowly defeated in France on his latest start. But the colt is most unlikely to run. His trainer, Paul Kelleway, said yesterday: "I want to get some serious work into the horse before the International Stakes at York. I thought the race might cut up to three or four runners but there is a strong entry."

Kelleway added that Lear White, inched out of the Goodwood Cup by Grey Shot, would be aimed at the Aral-Pokal in Germany a week on Sunday. That race is also on the agenda for Singspiel, who returns to fast work later this week after a foot abscess ruled him out of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes.

Nash House returns for the Rose Of Lancaster Stakes at Haydock on Saturday. Photograph: David Hastings

Newmarket has to find new Guineas sponsor

NEWMARKET yesterday announced that it is looking for new sponsors for the 1,000 Guineas and 2,000 Guineas.

This season, Pertemps stepped in just weeks beforehand to support the two races and the Jockey Club Stakes at what was believed to have been a discounted rate. But the employment agency is not prepared to meet the asking price for supporting the three events next year.

Nick Lees, the Newmarket clerk of the course, said: "We have had a meeting with Pertemps, whose help we greatly appreciate, and the company has said that it is not able to come up with the asking price.

"Tim Watts, the Pertemps chairman, has also stated that if we cannot find anyone else, Pertemps is prepared to sponsor the Guineas meeting for a lesser sum. It is reassuring to know that we have a fall-back position.

"We are now looking for a sponsor, although we have no one specific in mind," he said. "The package embraces the three major races — the two Guineas and the Jockey Club Stakes — and it would be nice to secure somewhere in the region of £250,000."

Lees added: "The meeting gets enormous coverage and the sponsorship represents good value. Ideally, I would like to have a sponsor in place by October."

The 1,000 Guineas and 2,000 Guineas were backed by General Accident, the insurance company, from 1984 until 1992, with Madagans providing support in 1994 and 1995.

Meanwhile, attendances for last week's Glorious Goodwood Festival were up on the corresponding figures for 1995, as was the amount bet at the Tote during the five days.

The crowd figure for Tuesday to Saturday totalled 95,560 compared with 94,733 last year, an increase of 827. Saturday's attendance was the largest of the week at 22,560, with Tuesday having the smallest number through the turnstiles at 13,019.

The cash turnover for the meeting compared favourably with 12 months ago, with a total of £1,897,275 up £88,941 (5 per cent) on the 1995 figure of £1,808,334.

Rod Fabricius, who is Goodwood's clerk of the course and general manager, said: "Clearly, Saturday's crowd was very pleasing. The number of people on that day has risen for the last two years.

"Crowds over the five days were up overall and the Tote figures showed an increase every day but we are confronted by a challenge on the opening day of the meeting, with an attendance then which is significantly lower than the rest of the week.

"We moved the Vodac Stewards' Cup from the Tuesday to the Saturday in 1993 and, while that has clearly worked extremely well, we need another very good handicap, worth around £50,000, on the opening day.

"We will be addressing this and other matters, such as doing more to attract overseas runners for our showpiece race, the group one Sussex Stakes."

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.00 Tear White
2.30 Uncle George
3.00 Kings Harmony
3.30 **CANTON VENTURE** (nap)
4.00 Flight Master
4.30 Sharp Imp

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
2.00 TEAR WHITE.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 JIMMY HEAL MEMORIAL TROPHY NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,499: 5f 59yd) (8 runners)

1	(4)	334243	SKYERS FLYER 9 (D,F) (Mrs J Carney) R Thompson 9-7	N Connorton	85
2	(2)	223011	BOLD AFRICAN 4 (B,D,F) (D Maloney) P Evans 9-6 (7ex)	A Culhane	84
3	(3)	3410	BLAZING CASTLE 13 (D,F) (Mrs D Wetherall) W G M Turner 9-4	D Sweeney (7)	80
4	(8)	U38512	TEAR WHITE 5 (B,D,F) (A Lawson & Co) T Mills 8-8	T Williams	●
5	(5)	32313	WHO TOLD VICKY 50 (D,G) (Mrs V Goodman) J Moore 8-4	J F Egan	80
6	(1)	4253	GOPI 8 (BF) (Miss L Regis) R Hannon 8-1	J Quinn	80
7	(6)	6400	SINGFORYOURSUPPER 34 (Mrs S Martin) G Margarson 7-10	G Bardwell	93
8	(7)	130054	GROVEFAIR FLYER 5 (B,D,F) (Grovefair Racing) B Meehan 7-10	C Rutter	95

BETTING: 9-4 Bold African, 7-2 Tear White, 4-1 Gopi, 13-2 Who Told Vicky, 7-1 Blazing Castle, 10-1 others.

1995: GAGAJULU 9-6 G Hind (4-1) P Evans 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SKYERS FLYER 4¾l 3rd of 5 to Tumbleweed Pearl in conditions race at Thirsk (6f, firm). BOLD AFRICAN beat Under Pressure 1l in 9-runner nursery at Thirsk (5f, good to firm). BLAZING CASTLE beat Marylebone 3l in 6-runner maiden at Beverley (5f, good-firm). TEAR WHITE 1l 2nd of 11 to Fredrik The Fierce in nursery at Goodwood (5f, good to firm). GOPI 4¾l 3rd of 9 to Nightingale Song in seller at Windsor (6f, good).
Selection: TEAR WHITE

2.30 STANMER CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,381: 7f 214yd) (7 runners)

1	(6)	50435P	STONE ISLAND 5 (B) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-1	J Reid	97
2	(3)	06000	FOLLOWTHE ALLSTARS 12 (B) (T Naughton) T Naughton 8-11	R Hughes	83
3	(1)	035202	UNCLE GEORGE 3 (B,F) (J Fuller) M Tompkins 8-9	P Robinson	●
4	(2)	0-15006	DHULIKHEL 29 (C,F,G) (G King) D Marks 8-6	G Duffield	97
5	(7)	421240	MULTI FRANCHISE 27 (G) (B Gubby) B Gubby 8-5	B Doyle	98
6	(5)	312503	HOW COULD-I 17 (B,D,F) (R Peters) Mrs N Macauley 8-4	J Quinn	97
7	(4)	08000	GOVERNOR'S BID 15 (B) (J Hollins) Mrs L Jewell 8-1	J F Egan	—

BETTING: 6-4 Uncle George, 4-1 Multi Franchise, Stone Island, 5-1 How Could-I, 8-1 Followthe Allstars, 9-1 others

1995: FIRST CRUSH 8-10 T Quinn (5-4 fav) M Prescott 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

UNCLE GEORGE 2l 2nd of 9 to Driolan in claimer at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). MULTI FRANCHISE 1½l 4th of 13 to Owdbetts in seller at Bath (1m 2f, good to firm). HOW COULD-I returned to form when around 7¾l 3rd to Confessor in 8-runner claimer at Nottingham (1m, good to firm).
Selection: UNCLE GEORGE

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .. B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.00 HANNINGTONS OF BRIGHTON HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,207: 6f 209yd) (6 runners)

1	(1)	000200	ORIEL LAD 24 (B,D,F,S) (K White) P Evans 9-7	A Culhane	●
2	(5)	814023	KINGS HARMONY 13 (C,F,G) (Tan Di Hearts) P Makin 9-6	S Sanders	96
3	(2)	145303	IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 3 (B,D,F) (D Ivory) K Ivory 9-0	Martin Dwyer (5)	98
4	(3)	13405-4	TO THE WHIRE 192 (F) (K Higson) G L Moore 9-0	Candy Morris	98
5	(6)	051-06	TRUTH 15 (D,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 8-9	G Duffield	91
6	(4)	000	PRINCESSE LYPHARD 12 (P Stoner) M Polglase 7-10	N Carlisle	96

Long handicap: Princesse Lyphard 7-7

BETTING: 11-10 Kings Harmony, 4-1 Ivory's Grab Hire, 5-1 Truth, 6-1 Oriel Lad, 8-1 To The Whire, 20-1 Princesse Lyphard.

1995: SALLY WELD 8-10 M Wigham (10-1) C Benstead 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ORIEL LAD head 2nd of 9 to Mybotye in handicap at Redcar (7f, good to firm). KINGS HARMONY 2¾l 3rd of 6 to Catch the Lights in handicap at Sandown (7f, good to firm). IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 9l 3rd of 9 to Ortolan in claimer at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). TRUTH 5¾l 6th of 8 to Encore M'Lady in handicap at Musselburgh (7f, good to soft). PRINCESS LYPHARD 4¾l 7th to Blockade over course and distance (firm).
Selection: KINGS HARMONY

3.30 BRIGHTON CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP
(£3,496: 1m 3f 196yd) (5 runners)

1	(4)	121613	CANTON VENTURE 16 (CD,BF,F,G) (F Chao) S Woods 4-10-0	W Woods	97
2	(2)	135042	PRINCE DANZIG 8 (CD,F,G) (A Ulrick) D Murray Smith 5-9-6	J Reid	●
3	(5)	124414	FABULOUS MTOTO 8 (D,BF,F,G) (N Pike) M Saunders 6-8-13	J F Egan	98
4	(1)	005304	CHARLIE BIGTIME 8 (D,F,G) (T Dawson) R Harris 6-8-2	A Mackay	95
5	(3)	442141	VOICES IN THE SKY 4 (D,F) (J Cairns) A Newcombe 5-8-0	S Drowne	98

BETTING: 2-1 Canton Venture, 3-1 Voices In The Sky, 7-2 Fabulous Mtoto, 4-1 Prince Danzig, 8-1 Charlie Bigtime.

1995: CARPATHIAN 4-8-3 D Harrison (5-2) Lord Huntingdon 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CANTON VENTURE beat Rising Dough 3½l in 5-runner handicap over course and distance (firm) with PRINCE DANZIG (8lb better off) 22l 4th. PRINCE DANZIG ¾l 2nd to Ragsak Jameel in handicap over course and distance (firm) with CHARLIE BIGTIME 9¾l 4th. FABULOUS MTOTO 2¾l 4th of 14 in handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good). VOICES IN THE SKY improved form to beat Soojama 1¾l in 11-runner apprentice handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: VOICES IN THE SKY

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Catterick Bridge: 2.15 Clover Girl, Distant Storm. 4.15 Mill House Boy. 4.45 Never Say So, China Hand. Brighton: 2.30 Followthe Allstars, Stone Island. 4.00 Moving Up. 4.30 Creeking

4.00 GORING SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,070: 1m 3f 196yd) (10 runners)

1	(9)	436-601	FLIGHT MASTER 19 (F) (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 4-10-0	S Sanders	94
2	(6)	00/3522	SIESTA TIME 8 (M Long) C Popham 6-9-6	J Reid	95
3	(1)	2/4000	PREROGATIVE 13 (V) (Secret Partners) R Simpson 6-9-6	G Duffield	96
4	(10)	350-800	HIGH FLOWN 6 (V,G) (Mrs R Hague) R Thompson 4-8-7	N Connorton	●
5	(3)	032015	ZELIBA 10 (D,F) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-5	J Quinn	94
6	(4)	064-000	EVER FRIENDS 99 (T Dawson) R Harris 4-8-5	A Mackay	90
7	(8)	030004	MOVING UP 12 (V) (K Higson) G L Moore 3-8-5	R Perham	95
8	(5)	046036	EFFICACIOUS 12 (R Lamb) C Benstead 3-8-1	P Robinson	92
9	(2)	015045	COLOUR COUNSELLOR 12 (B,CD,G) (Ms Temmerman) R Flower 3-7-13	D Biggs	96
10	(7)	420-001	TOUT DE VAL 12 (CD,F) (K Bishop) K Bishop 7-7-12	C Rutter	97

BETTING: 3-1 Flight Master, 4-1 Siesta Time, 9-2 Tout De Val, 6-1 Zeliba, 7-1 Efficacious, 8-1 Moving Up, 10-1 Colour Counsellor, 12-1 others.

1995: GLOW FORUM 4-9-1 T Quinn (9-4) G L Moore 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLIGHT MASTER beat SIESTA TIME (3lb better off) head in 7-runner seller at Bath (1m 3f 144yd, firm). ZELIBA beat Marchman 2l in 7-runner handicap at Warwick (1m 4f 155yd, firm). EFFICACIOUS 6¾l 6th of 10 to General Glow in handicap here (1m 2f, firm). TOUT DE VAL beat Courbaril head in 9-runner handicap over course and distance (firm) with MOVING UP (6lb better off) 7l 4th and COLOUR COUNSELLOR (5lb better off) 8l 5th.
Selection: SIESTA TIME

4.30 BLACK ROCK LIMITED STAKES
(£2,381: 6f 209yd) (7 runners)

1	(3)	031063	SHARP IMP 8 (B,C,D,F,G) (Mrs G Temmerman) R Flower 6-9-6	D Biggs	86
2	(6)	503025	ASTRAL INVADER 13 (F,S) (M Saunders) M Saunders 4-9-3	R Hughes	91
3	(1)	503300	BEST KEPT SECRET 12 (B,F,G,S) (Tern Hill Comms) P Evans 5-9-3	J F Egan	86
4	(4)	220425	ROCKY WATERS 13 (D,F,G) (P Chornell) P Burgoyne 7-9-3	P McCabe (3)	93
5	(5)	00500-0	BARBRALLEN 15 (P Allen) Mrs L Jewell 4-9-0	T Williams	85
6	(7)	0-42225	FLAGSTAFF 20 (BF) (C Pennick) G L Moore 3-8-11	S Sanders	92
7	(2)	245264	CREEKING 12 (B) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 3-8-8	G Duffield	●

BETTING: 11-4 Sharp Imp, 3-1 Creeking, 4-1 Astral Invader, 5-1 Rocky Waters, 6-1 Best Kept Secret, 7-1 Flagstaff, 25-1 Barbrallen.

1995: RISING DOUGH 3-9-0 S Whitworth (7-4) G L Moore 2 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHARP IMP 1¾l 3rd of 6 to Always Grace in handicap here (6f, firm). ASTRAL INVADER 1¾l 2nd of 9 to Tafahhus in claimer at Bath (5f, firm). BEST KEPT SECRET 5¾l 8th of 12 to Blockade in claimer over course and distance (firm). ROCKY WATERS 3¾l 5th of 18 to Thatchmaster in seller at Sandown (1m, good to firm). FLAGSTAFF 14l 5th of 6 to Dark Menace in handicap here (6f, firm). CREEKING 4l 4th of 10 to General Glow in handicap here (1m 2f, firm).
Selection: ROCKY WATERS (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
C Benstead	5	15	33.3	Pat Eddery	27	94	28.7
M Prescott	17	57	29.8	S Sanders	10	50	20.0
P Evans	3	12	25.0	G Duffield	20	101	19.8
R Flower	7	32	21.9	R Hughes	10	52	19.2
S Woods	4	19	21.1	P McCabe	6	32	18.8
D Murray-Smith	3	17	17.6	J Reid	22	142	15.5
B Meehan	15	90	16.7	W Woods	8	55	14.5

CATTERICK

THUNDERER
2.15 Risky Rose. 2.45 Allinson's Mate. 3.15 Peartree House. 3.45 Spinning Mouse. 4.15 Pharly Dancer. 4.45 Kalar.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.45 SPINNING MOUSE (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW BEST

2.15 BEVERLEY WESTWOOD SELLING STAKES
(£2,238: 1m 7f 177yd) (6 runners)

101	(2)	-030	FEARLESS WONDER 17 (V,F,G) Mrs Reveley 5-9-8	K Darley	87
102	(5)	2140	RISKY ROSE 12 (C,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-6	D Griffiths (5)	81
103	(3)	0	CLOVER GIRL 10 (V) B Ellison 5-9-3	J Tate	–
104	(1)	6046	CLUB ELITE 17 M Barraclough 4-9-3	P P Murphy (5)	–
105	(4)	60-5	DISTANT STORM 8 (V,F) M Bell 3-8-7	M Fenton	●
106	(6)	5	THORNTOUN HOUSE 17 J Goldie 3-8-7	D McKeown	–

5-4 Fearless Wonder, 7-4 Risky Rose, 4-1 Distant Storm, 6-1 others.

2.45 DONCASTER TOWN MOOR HANDICAP
(£3,204: 7f) (18)

201	(17)	0052	DON PEPE 15 (D,BF,F,G) R Boss 5-10-0	J Carroll	92
202	(4)	1380	ALLINSON'S MATE 5 (B,C,D,F,G) T Barron 8-9-10	J Fortune	95
203	(11)	5005	TOO HASTY 8 (CD,F) T Easterby 3-9-5	M Birch	96
204	(9)	0134	MY GODSON 3 (B,C,D,BF,F,G,S) J Eyre 6-9-5	K Fallon	93
205	(8)	0005	BLOW DRY 35 (D,F,S) M Wane 6-9-0	D McKeown	94
206	(12)	0204	MISS PIGALLE 18 (B,D,F) Miss L Perratt 5-8-11	K Darley	91
207	(14)	-060	HARSH TIMES 29 (B,G) T Easterby 3-8-10	L Charnock	90
208	(10)	0061	ROSEATE LODGE 3 (D,F,G) S Kettlewell 10-8-10 (5ex)	Jenny Benson (7)	94
209	(5)	0-00	CORONA GOLD 10 (D,G) J Fitzgerald 6-8-8	J Fanning	–
210	(18)	0025	FATEHALKHAIR 22 B Ellison 4-8-8	J Tate	90
211	(3)	0-06	NUKUD 17 G Oldroyd 4-8-8	J Lowe	91
212	(1)	0030	CEDAR GIRL 12 (F) R Hodges 4-8-4	Amanda Sanders (5)	91
213	(15)	4024	HOT DOGGING 28 Mrs P Sly 3-7-13	Dale Gibson	92
214	(6)	-850	MONEGHETTI 39 (D,BF,G) R Hollinshead 5-7-12	F Lynch (3)	●
215	(16)	6-06	UPEX LE GOLD TOO 11 (D,F) L Lloyd-James 4-7-10	Iona Wands (7)	92
216	(2)	6000	NORD LYS 19 B Llewellyn 5-7-10	D Wright (3)	–
217	(7)	0-00	THRUSHWOOD 53 N Chamberlain 4-7-10	N Varley (3)	–
218	(13)	0-50	WACKY 11 W Storey 5-7-10	N Kennedy	–

5-1 Don Pepe, 11-2 Roseate Lodge, 6-1 Cedar Girl, 7-1 My Godson, Fatehalkhair, 8-1 Allinson's Mate, Blow Dry, 10-1 others.

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3.15 PONTEFRACT PARK CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,677: 7f) (3)

301	(2)	3120	GRATE TIMES 12 (CD,S) E Weymes 9-1	J Fortune	94
302	(3)	414	PEARTREE HOUSE 29 (BF,F) B Hills 9-1	K Fallon	●
303	(1)	4011	LUCKY OAKWOOD 10 (D,G) M Bell 8-10	M Fenton	90

Evens Peartree House, 7-4 Grate Times, 3-1 Lucky Oakwood

3.45 REDCAR, RIPON & THIRSK HANDICAP
(£3,106: 1m 5f 175yd) (9)

401	(4)	1200	GO-GO-POWER-RANGER 54 (G) B Ellison 3-9-10	J Tate	90
402	(1)	4304	TOULSTON LADY 12 M Camacho 4-9-10	L Charnock	95
403	(5)	-082	WINDYEDGE 12 B Hills 3-9-8	K Fallon	93
404	(2)	5514	SUDDEN SPIN 87 (F,G) J Norton 6-9-7	N Kennedy	92
405	(8)	3556	SILVERDALE KNIGHT 8 (C,F) K Hogg 3-9-5	D McKeown	95
406	(7)	-052	SPINNING MOUSE 10 D Morley 3-9-3	M Fenton	94
407	(9)	0322	SHARP SENSATION 18 (G) D Barker 6-9-0	J Bramhill (7)	●
408	(3)	6000	KASHANA 19 W Storey 4-9-0	J Fanning	88
409	(6)	0006	PUNCH 43 (B,D,F) N Tinkler 4-8-12	J Carroll	90

11-4 Spinning Mouse, 3-1 Silverdale Knight, 7-2 Toulston Lady, 4-1 Windyedge, 6-1 Sudden Spin, 8-1 Sharp Sensation, 16-1 Go-Go-Power-Ranger, 20-1 others.

4.15 WETHERBY STEEPLECHASES CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,679: 1m 3f 214yd) (10)

501	(7)	2110	MITHRAIC 8 (F) W Cunningham 4-9-5	R Havlin (5)	91
502	(6)	0511	RUSHEN RAIDER 6 (D,F) K Hogg 4-9-4	F Lynch (3)	95
503	(1)	3111	PHARLY DANCER 32 (CD,G,S) W Haigh 7-9-2	L Newton (5)	●
504	(4)	4-50	ANORAK 34 (V,G) G Moore 6-9-0	J Tate	75
505	(9)	60-2	TAKE TWO 18 (F,G) Miss M Milligan 8-8-12	K Darley	81
506	(10)	6	PENNY PEPPERMINT 15 R Barr 4-8-10	K Fallon	75
507	(2)	3221	LOS ALAMOS 22 (G) C Thornton 3-8-3	D McKeown	93
508	(5)	0-00	MILL HOUSE BOY 20 (V) B Rothwell 3-8-3	M Fenton	–
509	(8)	4	HILL FARM BLUES 22 J Eyre 3-8-0	N Varley (3)	81
510	(3)	0	FINESTATETOBEIN 34 F Watson 3-7-13	N Kennedy	–

5-2 Los Alamos, 3-1 Pharly Dancer, 7-2 Rushen Raider, 4-1 Mithraic, 9-2 Take Two, 14-1 Hill Farm Blues, 16-1 others.

4.45 YORK KNAVESMIRE HANDICAP
(£2,658: 5f) (9)

601	(1)	2514	THE INSTITUTE BOY 3 (CD,G,S) Miss J Craze 5-9-10	J Lowe	●
602	(2)	60-0	NEVER SAY SO 15 (V) C Smith 4-9-9	C Teague (3)	86
603	(4)	2622	KALAR 3 (B,CD,F,G) D Chapman 7-9-6	K Darley	96
604	(6)	3500	INDIAHRA 165 (V,D,G,S) J Eyre 5-9-7	K Fallon	90
605	(8)	-000	HAMILTON GOLD 22 M Meagher 3-9-7	J Fortune	–
606	(5)	5600	IMP EXPRESS 1 (V,D,F,G) G Moore 3-9-3	J Tate	93
607	(3)	-050	SAMSUNG LOVELYLADY 98 E Weymes 4-9-2	F Lynch (3)	90
608	(9)	0242	CHINA HAND 15 (B,BF) M Wane 4-8-9	J Fanning	90
609	(7)	0060	DOUBLE GLOW 10 (B,D,F,G) N Bycroft 4-8-3	Iona Wands (7)	93

9-4 The Institute Boy, 5-2 Kalar, 11-4 China Hand, 6-1 Hamilton Gold, 15-1 Indiahra, Imp Express, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 18 winners from 42 runners, 42.9%, Mrs M Reveley, 24 from 104, 23.1%, N Tinkler, 4 from 18, 22.2%; T Easterby, 4 from 19, 21.1%, T Barron, 14 from 81, 17.3%, M Bell, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: F Lynch, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%, L Newton, 3 from 12, 25.0%, K Darley, 29 from 146, 19.9%, J Carroll, 29 from 166, 17.5%, K Fallon, 15 from 86, 17.4%, J Fortune, 12 from 98, 12.2%

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ripon

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.30 (6f) 1, SERENITY (K Fallon, 100-30); 2, Intikhab (R Hills, 8-1); 3, Slouerouge (J Fortune, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 4-7 fav Faringdon Future (4th), 16 Denton Lad (6th), 20 Out Of Sight (5th), 33 Good Day, Ohio Royale, 50 Flo's Choice, William's Well, 66 Normanton. 11 ran. Hd, 1¾l, sh hd, 2½l, 1¾l. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £5.00; £1.40, £2.00, £4.30. DF: £13.70. Trio: £99.60. CSF: £29.62.

3.00 (5f) 1, KABCAST (K Darley, 10-1); 2, Good To Talk (M Birch, 12-1); 3, Young Ben (J Bramhill, 20-1); 4, Rotherfield Park (W Woods, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Pallium, 6 Imp Express, 12 First Option, Gondo, Members Welcome, Orange And Blue (6th), 16 Nitaowi Raider, 25 Ho Mei Surprise, 33 Rankaidade (5th), Super Sonata, Time Ticks On, Waverley Star. 16 ran. ¾l, nk, ½l, 1¾l, nk. D Chapman at York. Tote: £16.60; £3.10, £3.10, £7.80, £1.80. DF: £58.00. Trio: £458.30 (part won; pool of £419.85 carried forward to 2.45 at Catterick today). CSF: £135.64. Tricast: £2,299.94. No bid.

3.30 (1m 1f) 1, GIVE ME A RING (D McKeown, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Kamari (R Hills, 11-4 jt-fav); 3, Halebid (W Woods, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Herodian (4th), 11 Nose No Bounds (6th), Sualtach, 16 Raed, 20 Dispol Gem (5th). 8 ran. 1¾l, 3l, sh hd, 2½l, 2¾l. C Thornton at Middleham. Tote: £3.70; £1.60, £1.30, £1.30. DF: £6.30. CSF: £10.57. Tricast: £21.45.

4.00 (6f) 1, BOLLIN JOANNE (M Birch, 11-1); 2, Tiler (R Hills, 7-2 fav); 3, Ziggy's Dancer (K Fallon, 10-1); 4, Perryston View (J Carroll, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Rock Symphony, Sea-Deer, 8 Bowden Rose (5th), 9 Stylish Ways, 12 Lady Sheriff, So Intrepid, 14 Splicing, 16 Tadeo, Whittle Rock (6th), 20 Blessingindisguise, 25 Saint Express, 33 I'm Your Lady. 16 ran. NR: Saltomaite. 1¾l, 1¼l, ¾l, 1¾l, nk. T Easterby at Malton. Tote: £12.60; £2.40, £1.60, £1.80, £2.60. DF: £27.00. Trio: £171.30. CSF: £53.63. Tricast: £412.03.

4.30 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, COURSE FISHING (G Carter, 16-1); 2, Floating Line (K Fallon, 7-2 jt-fav); 3, Cumbrian Rhapsody (M Birch, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Hawkish (5th), 13-2 Clash Of Swords (6th), Outstayed Welcome, 9 Hasta La Vista, Here Comes Herbie (4th), 10 Kindred Greeting, 16 Chantry Beath, Eden Dancer, 20 Drama King, 25 Monte Cavo, 33 Kismetim, Lindisfarne Lady. 15 ran. 2l, 1½l, ¾l, 1l, 3½l. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £19.80; £6.50, £1.90, £5.10. DF: £28.40. Trio: £511.20 (part won; pool of £439.24 carried forward to 2.45 at Catterick today). CSF: £76.13. Tricast: £789.24.

5.00 (1m 2f) 1, ALTAMURA (G Hind, Evens fav); 2, Raise A Prince (W Woods, 10-1); 3, Forest Robin (R Cochrane, 11-8). ALSO RAN: 20 Totem Dancer (4th), 33 Indiana Princess (5th), Nirvana Prince (6th), 50 Chesters Quest, Swynford Supreme. 8 ran. NR: Radiant Star. 10l, 2½l, 1¾l, ¾l, 10l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £2.70, £1.10. DF: £8.50. Trio: £5.10. CSF: £11.22.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £7,327.28 carried forward to Catterick today).

Placepot: £143.10.

Quadpot: £8.70.

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2.15 (2m 1f) 1, INDRAPURA (D Bridgwater, 11-8 fav); 2, Almapa (T Dascombe, 10-1); 3, Night Time (Mr G Shenkin, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Minnesota Fats (4th), 7 Kama Simba (f), 33 Galloping Guns (5th), 40 Mario's Dream (ro), 100 On The Ledge (pu). 8 ran. ¾l, 8l, nk, dist. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £2.80, £1.10. DF: £13.90. CSF: £15.00. Bought in 7,000gns.

2.45 (2m 6f) 1, SPRINGFIELD DANCER (A P McCoy, 9-2); 2, Celestial Fire (D Gallagher, 11-1); 3, Beam Me Up Scotty (C Llewellyn, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav The Black Monk (4th), 5-2 Jennyellen (f), 40 Coeur Battant (fell). 6 ran. 18l, 1¾l, dist. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £5.20; £2.90, £4.50. DF: £11.20. CSF: £41.10.

3.15 (3m 2f 110yd) 1, WAKT (A P McCoy, 11-4); 2, Southerly Gale (D Bridgwater, Evens fav); 3, Duke Of Lancaster (R Bellamy, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Tour Leader (ur), 40 Liberty James (pu). 5 ran. 11l, dist. J White at Wendover. Tote: £3.80; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £2.70. CSF: £5.84.

3.45 (2m 1f) 1, VERDE LUNA (A P McCoy, 100-30); 2, Missed The Boat (A Thornton, 3-1 jt-fav); 3, Game Dilemma (R Greene, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt-fav Mr Snaggle (5th), 6 Stay With Me (6th), 9 Sirtelimar (4th), 12 Gunmaker (pu), 33 Madraj. 8 ran. ¾l, 1¾l, 1¾l, 1½l, 18l. D Arbuthnot at Compton. Tote: £4.70; £1.70, £1.80, £2.10. DF: £5.80. CSF: £13.75. Tricast: £68.24.

4.15 (2m 1f) 1, KINDERGARTEN BOY (T J Murphy, 6-1); 2, Southern Ridge (Mr A Holdsworth, 25-1); 3, Mutley (C Maude, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Denomination (5th), 11-4 Courageous Knight (4th), 11 Don Tocino (6th). 6 ran. 8l, 1¾l, 3½l, dist, 2½l. K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £9.20; £3.00, £8.10. DF: £55.10. CSF: £93.81.

4.45 (2m 110yd) 1, MANAMOUR (C Llewellyn, 11-4); 2, Nobiely (R Farrant, 9-4 fav); 3, Flying Ziad (Mr A Charles-Jones, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Ramstar, 16 Tango's Delight (5th), 20 Prudent Peggy (6th), 66 Gabish (4th). 7 ran. 3½l, ¾l, 11l, 16l, 2l. R Lee at Presteigne. Tote: £3.40; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £4.60. CSF: £8.65.

5.15 (2m 1f) 1, KAILASH (D Bridgwater, 2-7 fav); 2, Red Tel (C Maude, 8-1); 3, Katharine's Song (B Powell, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Dragon Fly (6th), 16 Lucky Mo (4th), 33 Royal Saluse, 50 Late Encounter (5th). 7 ran. NR: Heading North. 8l, 6l, 16l, 8l, 2½l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.50. DF: £2.70. CSF: £3.25.

Placepot: £884.50. Quadpot: £67.90.

Hagwah heads British double

BRITISH raiders, Hagwah and Lord Jim, landed the two listed races at Leopardstown yesterday, both profiting from front-running tactics. Hagwah, a 6-1 chance, defied top weight of 9st 11lb to run out a 1½-length winner of the one-mile Brownstown Stud Stakes for the Newmarket trainer, Ben Hanbury.

Lord Huntingdon was on hand to see his 5-1 chance, Lord Jim, ridden by David Harrison, capture the Challenge Stakes. Harrison gave the 5-1 chance a breather half a mile out, allowing the pack to close, but soon kicked clear again entering the straight.

Boojum runs at Deauville

BARRY HILLS saddles Boojum (Michael Hills) in the 13-runner £11,858 Prix des Roches, a seven-furlong juvenile conditions event, at Deauville today. Boojum won a Nottingham maiden on his debut, then finished second to Recondite in the Weatherbys Superlative Stakes at Newmarket's July meeting.

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GOLF: BRITON CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE WORLD STAGE WITH VICTORY IN DU MAURIER CLASSIC

Whirlwind finish brings Davies her fourth major

By Patricia Davies

A RECENT poll of 50 newspapers worldwide came up with a list of the world's top sportswomen since 1980. Steffi Graf won by miles, followed by Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Gwen Torrence. Merlene Ottey was fifth and Sonia O'Sullivan sixth.

In the middle of all the athletes, miraculously ranked fourth, was Laura Davies, golfer and sportsperson *extraordinaire*. The miracle was that Davies, undoubtedly one of the world's leading performers, should be included at all, for women's golf, a sport at which Europe excels, has such a low profile.

It continues to be underfunded and underrated, with luminaries such as Davies and the Swedes, Annika Sorenstam, Liselotte Neumann and Helen Alfredsson having to make their money and their reputation in the United States. They are lucky to get any mention at all on radio and television and are usually tacked on as an afterthought.

Davies, however, is more than an afterthought. She is a genuine headliner and on Sunday she was making headlines again, winning the du Maurier Classic, the last major championship of the women's season, in the way that majors should be won, with a storming last round of 66, six under par, at the Edmonton Country Club.

It was her second major title of 1996 — she won the McDonald's LPGA championship in Delaware in May — and her fourth in all, pushing her inexorably towards the category reserved for all-time greats. Last year she won the LPGA for the first time and, in 1987, her third season as a professional, she indicated her potential with victory in the US women's open.

However, that win is not included in her total of victories by the LPGA because Davies was not a member of the US Tour at the time. Such intransigence reflects no credit on the LPGA and, as Davies will undoubtedly be a candidate for the Hall of Fame in years to come, it is a nonsense the tour will have to correct.

Davies has now won 14 tournaments in North America and 45 worldwide. She has won five times already this season — three times on the US Tour, once in Europe and once in Japan. She tops the US money-list with $626,491 (about £415,000) after this latest cheque for $150,000 and is second in the European Order of Merit with £70,570.

In Edmonton, the Englishwoman's total of 277, 11 under par, left her two shots ahead of Nancy Lopez, the legendary American, and Karrie Webb, the 21-year-old Australian who will be defending the Weetabix Women's British Open Championship at Woburn next week. Meg Mallon, the former US women's open champion who started the last round five strokes clear of Davies, finished fourth, on 280, after a round of 74 that she attributed to poor putting. Sorenstam, the US women's open champion, and Neumann shared sixth place on 283.

In difficult conditions, Davies was the only player to break 70 on the last day — fellow Britons, Catriona Matthew, who tied for twelfth, and Caroline Pierce, joint 49th, were the next best with rounds of 70 — and she dropped only one shot, at the 11th, a par three. The first of her seven birdies was at the 3rd, where she holed a bunker shot. "It was just one of those days. It was meant to be," she said.

Davies, 32, is renowned for long hitting that is almost Dalyesque but at the 7th, rated the toughest hole on the course, she demonstrated a maturity that should see her win many more titles. She hit a six-iron off the tee for position, put a wedge to ten feet and holed the putt.

Out in 32, three under par, she followed the rogue bogey at the 11th with birdies at the 12th and 13th and when she had further birdies at the 15th and 18th, to come home in 34, three under, she had set a target no one could match.

"Winning a major is fabulous," the peripatetic Davies, who played in Dublin the week before Edmonton and will be at Gleneagles in Scotland this week, said.

She now needs only the Nabisco Dinah Shore title to complete a set of championships. Patty Sheehan, who won the Dinah this year, for the first time in her distinguished career, is the only American woman with a major title in 1996 and the Europeans will be hoping to translate that dominance into success in the Solheim Cup at St Pierre in September.

Should Europe defeat the United States, to regain the trophy, Davies, who is already an MBE, will surely be made a dame forthwith.

MAJOR WINNERS

United States unless stated

15: Patty Berg
13: Mickey Wright
11: Louise Suggs
10: Babe Zaharias
8: Betsy Rawls
6: Kathy Whitworth, Pat Bradley, Patty Sheehan
5: Amy Alcott, Betsy King
4: Laura Davies (GB), Sandra Haynie, Hollis Stacy, Susie Berning, Donna Caponi

☐ Among those who have won three majors are Nancy Lopez, Sally Little (SA) and Jan Stephenson (Aus)

RAY GIGUERE

Davies shows off the fruits of her labours after winning the du Maurier Classic

Formby ladies take centre stage from the men

Patricia Davies visits the venue for the British Girls' Amateur championship

There are only a few clubs like Formby Ladies' Golf Club anywhere in the world, for it is run by women for women and men are the associate members, with all the traditional restrictions on competition days, usually Saturdays, and no play until after 3pm on Sundays. Not that the men are deprived, however, for they must all be members of Formby Golf Club, from whom the women rent their course, which is laid out inside the men's course.

Formby Ladies' was founded in 1896 and it is fitting that one of the highlights of its centenary year should be the Girls' British Open Amateur championship that starts today.

The whole club is on championship duty this week and next, when the girls' home internationals take place, with the members and associates, who include such luminaries as the current president of the Lancashire Union of Golf Clubs, helping to ball spot, pull trolleys and come to the aid of those in need — at least one competitor, with an insouciance typical of the young, arrived without having given any thought to where she was going to stay.

At 5,374 yards, or 4,914 metres, the course is not long, but last week, in perfect conditions, Sarah Gallagher, the English women's strokeplay champion, won the Leveret (so named because the men have a competition called the Formby Hare) with two rounds of 69, a total of just four under par. It was a tournament record and an indication that the course is no pushover.

The British Girls' Amateur championship was last held here in 1977 and the club hosted it for the first time in 1965, when Enid Wilson, the girls' champion in 1925 and later a British champion of the adult variety, described it as "a delightful links with some of the most testing short holes I have ever seen, the 5th and 12th being gems that any club would cherish".

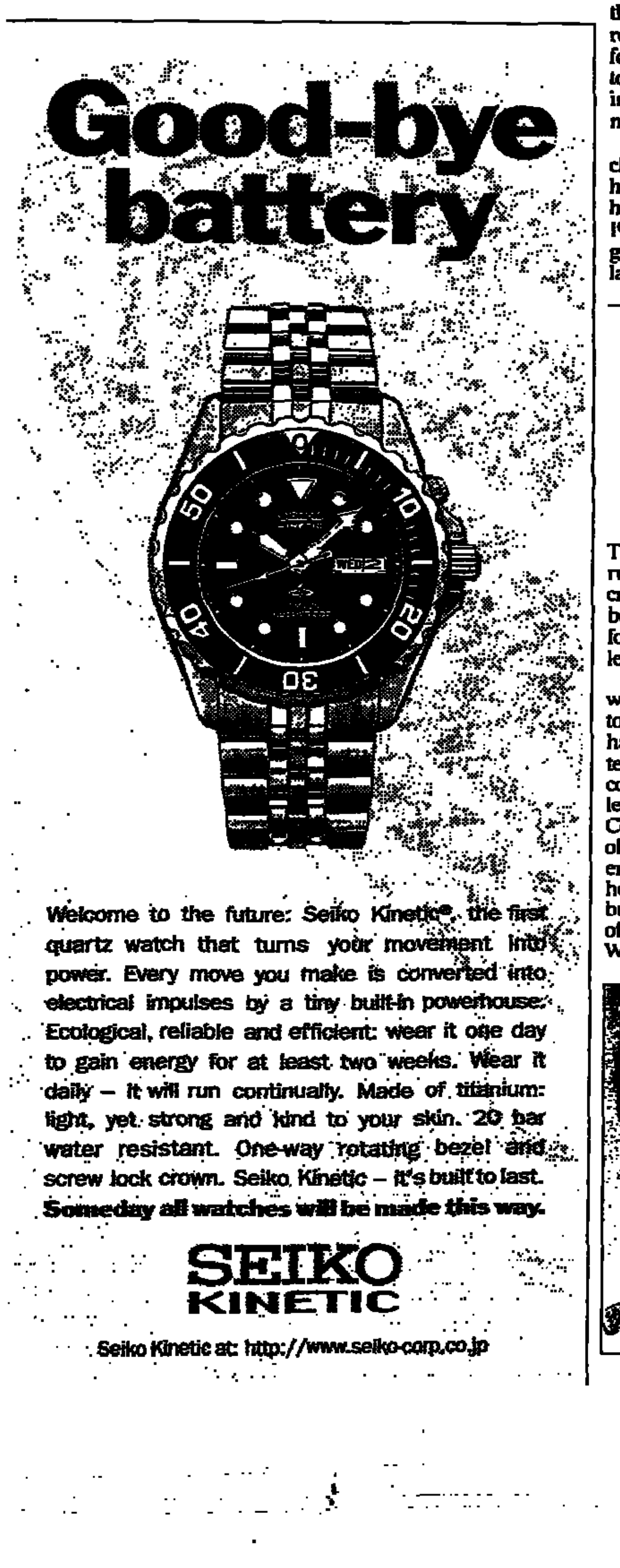
Wilson continued: "Because it is short, some people thought it was not sufficiently testing for the championship, but if they played the course, the critics would discover it constitutes a good examination in control and demands a variety of strokes."

The course is very dry but the rough and heather are still tough enough. One observer was of the opinion that the girls might not make it beyond the 11th, where, in practice at least, they tended to be too greedy off the tee. Some fell foul of Mrs Gow's tree, which looks innocuous but is ideally sited to inconvenience slicers. Mrs Gow, who was never referred to by her Christian name of Elizabeth nor seen without her hat, on or off the course, was greens chairman from 1952 to 1967 and so many of her drives ended behind the said tree that it was named in her honour. She threatened to cut it down but never did.

Maimie Harley, Mrs Gow's predecessor, who joined the club in 1902, was the first greens chairman when the women took over the running of the course in the 1920s. She was in charge of buying machinery and a mare, which was well within her compass, since she also ran the pony club. The mare, purchased in 1924 for £35, was stabled in the yard at Freshfield Station, three minutes' walk from the course. First-time visitors were inclined to get off the train a stop too early, at Formby, and find themselves in the middle of the town.

Eighty competitors have assembled from Europe and the British Isles and the home countries' main hopes lie with Rebecca Hudson, from Wheatley, the English girls' champion who was runner-up in 1994, and Laura Moffat, from West Kilbride, the Scottish under-21 champion. They both play off plus two. However, France has won the title for the last two years, Sweden and Spain have sent strong contingents and there are competitors from Italy.

In 1896, golf was not big in Italy; in 1977, at the conclusion of the British Girls' Amateur championship, the captain of Formby Ladies' made part of her speech in Italian, asking them to come back; in 1996, they have returned in force. There are nine of them and all *fortissimo*. Goodness knows what Miss Harley and Mrs Gow would have made of it all.



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RUGBY UNION: COTTON PREDICTS INTERNATIONAL FUTURE FOR FORMER WIGAN WING

Offiah sets sights on Lions place

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

THE much-heralded return to rugby union of Martin Offiah creates the possibility of a belated international career for the former Wigan rugby league wing.

Indeed, Fran Cotton, who will manage the British Isles tour to South Africa next year, has alrady confirmed his interest. "Of all the players coming back [from rugby league], this is the biggest," Cotton said yesterday. "He's obviously a very talented player and we have got to see how he resettles into rugby union, but if he can produce the kind of form that he has done at Wigan, then he is going to be a strong contender for England and the Lions."

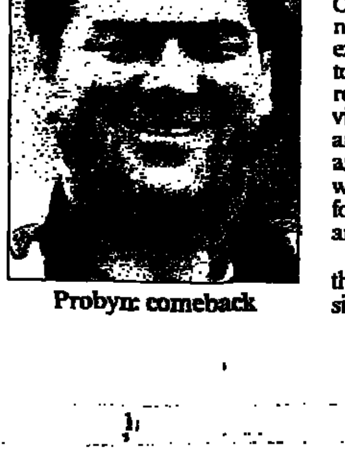
Offiah, who changed codes when he joined Widnes from Rosslyn Park in 1987, has agreed a four-year contract with Bedford, fortifying their hopes of promotion from the second division. A working arrangement to continue his rugby league career with London Broncos suggests that he could earn as much as £1 million before his playing days come to an end.

The translation between the two codes will be easier for a wing than for a forward and Offiah's feats in rugby league have earned him renown as one of the most lethal finishers in the world. It will not have escaped Offiah's attention, either, that, at 29, he has four years' advantage on the present occupant of the England left-wing position, Rory Underwood.

Most importantly, perhaps, Offiah wants to play at international level in union. "I'm extremely excited by the move to Bedford," he said. "The return to rugby union provides me with a number of ambitions and challenges ... and I hope my performances will provide the perfect stage for me to impress the England and British Lions selectors."

"I think his very presence on the field will frighten defences silly," Geoff Cooke, the former England manager, who is now Bedford's director of rugby, said. "Providing he readjusts to the slightly different demands of rugby union quite quickly, I would think he has got a good chance of getting into the England team."

Bedford were able to unveil a package containing two other internationals, Mike Rayer and Jeff Probyn, yesterday. The acquisiton of Rayer, the former Cardiff full back, was expected; the signing of Probyn on an open contract was not. Now 40, Probyn resumes his playing career, embracing 37 appearances as England's tight-head prop, after a season-long hiatus, during which he took up duties as a Rugby Football Union committee member and manager of the England Under-21 team. He will be valuable to Bedford in both capacities, as well as offering his knowledge of scrummaging.



Probyn: comeback

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 39

YOUNGBERRY
(a) A dewberry derived from a cross made in Louisiana in 1905 between a blackberry and a dewberry: also, a fruit from this plant, similar to a loganberry. An eponym of B. M. *Young* (*floruit* 1905), US horticulturist, who first produced it.

TALLENSI
(c) An African people of Northern Ghana. Or the language spoken by this people, belonging to the Voltaic or Gur group of the Niger-Congo languages.

SPERMALEGE
(a) In female bedbugs, an organ in which sperm are received and stored. From the Latin *sperma* a seed + *legere* to gather, collect.

TUPAN
(a) The civil governor of a Chinese province under the Republican regime. The Chinese word. "That process grew the crop of tuchuns, tupans, field marshals, and what not, so much heard of in these times. As originally used, the word tuchun was distinctly a military term, and tupan meant an officer who exercised civil authority; but in late years the terms are used indiscriminately."

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RADIO CHOICE

This blessed Cartland plot

Thicker than Water. *Radio 2, 10.00pm*

You may not be particularly interested in what Dame Barbara Cartland and son Ian had for breakfast but you must put up with it to get to less banal matters. Sarah Kennedy questions them in the venerable novelist's peppermint green drawing room. Oddly enough Kennedy does not ask her why she chose that colour and not pink instead. Dame Barbara reveals she has a direct line to the Almighty. "I say to God: 'I want a plot' and He gives me one." This could explain why her son says he has an abnormal mother though he would not change her for all the tea in China. Their musical tastes differ, country and western against a singing nightingale in Berkeley Square. Can you guess who chooses which?

The Deep Season: Soundings. *Radio 4, 2pm.*

Jonathan Raban's three programmes — today's is the first — show how the sea, in all its moods, has influenced poets and novelists. The names of those you might expect. They include Conrad, who wrote about a killer wave looking like "a wall of green grass topped with snow"; Coleridge, in whose *Ancient Mariner* the sea was like "a witch's oils, burnt green and blue and white"; Auden, who saw the sea as a "state of barbaric vagueness and disorder out of which civilisation has emerged". Melville and Shelley also painted memorable seascapes but Jane Austen's oceanic miniature, done in rural watercolours, was unfamiliar to me. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Kevin Greening. **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow, live from the Wishtower Slope in Eastbourne **12.30pm** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Cling Film **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Clare Sturgess **4.00am** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Judi Spiers **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes over Britain **8.30** Bob Holness and Friends **9.00** The National Festival of Music for Youth, with Richard Stilgoe **10.00** Thicker than Water. See Choice **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Sue McGarry **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl at **6.55**, **7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, incl **10.35** News from Europe **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck, with Katie Derham **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** Inside Edge, with Rob Bonnett. Includes the Business of Sport; Sport and Sporting Science **9.05** Any Sporting Questions? From Windsor Park in Belfast, with Pat Murphy and his guests Willie John McBride and George Hamilton **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour. **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Anything Goes **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Exit — Pursued by a Bear **9.15** Thirty-Minute Drama **9.45** Good Books **10.05** Business **10.15** Brain of Britain **10.45** Sport **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Meridian Feature **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Letters from Britain **1.45** Beyond the Millennium **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Voicebox **6.30** News in German **7.30** Letters from Britain **7.45** Beyond the Millennium **9.01** Proms '96 **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Megamix **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Feature Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sports Roundup News **12.10am** Voicebox **12.15** Your Questions of Faith **12.30** Megamix **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Meridian **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto. Pleyel (Clarinet Concerto in C major) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Louis Theodore Gouvy (Sonata for piano duet) **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert. Tchaikovsky (Marche Slave; Violin Concerto in D); Shostakovich (Symphony No 10 in E minor) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Schubert (Arpeggione Sonata in A minor, D821); Howells (Three Dances, Op 7); Mendelssohn (Psalm 98: Singet den herrn ein neues Lied); Lars-Erik Larsson (A Winter's Tale); D'India (Sovente all'hor); Durante (Concerto per quartetto No 8 in A, La pazzia)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Includes Schumann (Fantasiestucke, Op 12); Donizetti (Una furtiva lagrima, L'elisir d'amore); Tchaikovsky (String Quartet in D, Op 11)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Hahn (Overture: Mozart); Haydn (Sinfonia Concertante in B flat); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in B flat minor, BWV 891); Ireland (Piano Trio No 2) **11.28** Sauer (Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Stravinsky

1.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Jerzy Maksymiuk. With Christine Cairns, mezzo. Sibelius (Night-Ride and Sunrise); Elgar (Sea Pictures); Rimsky-Korsakov (Scheherazade)

2.30 Ensemble. Janet Hilton, clarinet, Bernard Gregor-Smith, cello, Yolande Wrigley, piano. Beethoven (Clarinet Trio in B flat, Op 11; Cello Sonata in D, Op 102 No 2)

3.15 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Philharmonic, under Yan Pascal Tortelier. With David Golub, piano. Bernstein (Overture: Candide); Gershwin (Piano Concerto in F); Gould (American Salute); John Williams (Film music: Raiders of the Lost Ark, Raiders' March); Gershwin (Suite: Catfish Row, Porgy and Bess); Sousa (March: Stars and Stripes Forever)

4.35 Preoccupations. The clarinettist Michael Collins talks about Basil, his pet bird

4.40 Poulenc and Messager. Michael Collins, clarinet, Kathryn Stott, piano. Poulenc (Clarinet Sonata); Messager (Solo de concours)

5.00 The Music Machine, with Sarah Walker

5.15 In Tune. Glinka (Jota aragonesa); Chopin (Variations in B flat on La ci darem, Don Giovanni); Copland (Clarinet Concerto)

7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall in London. The Royal Philharmonic, under Peter Maxwell Davies. Nielsen (Overture: Helios); Maxwell Davies (Symphony No 6) **8.30** Poetry Proms. Robert Crawford reads from his collection *Masculinity* **8.50** Proms Part 2. Sibelius (Violin Concerto; Lemminkainen's Return, Legends)

9.45 The Colours of Music, with Philip Dodd (2/4) (r)

10.05 Haydn and Bartok. Olga Dudnik, piano. Haydn (Sonatas in A, H XVI 43, in D, H XVI 42); Bartok (Three Studies, Op 18)

10.45 Station Island. The Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney reads his poem about a poet's journey towards fulfilment (r)

11.30 Composer Of the Week: Handel (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes

1.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Notes from a Small Island (2/5) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444

10.00 News; Jerusalem Lives (FM only). Ruth Koldoron reveals the alternative Jerusalem — a place of coffee shops and God (2/2)

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 Medicine Now. Presented by Geoff Watts

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Cross Questioned. Caroline Quentin is joined by captains Richard Morton and Toby Longworth and their guests Francis Wheen and Nick Revell **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Ben Bradshaw

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Deep Season: Soundings. See Choice (1/3)

2.30 Dancing for a Living. Lynne Walker talks to the world's fastest tapper, the Irish-American dancer Michael Flatley (5/6)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads Amitav Ghosh's book, *The Calcutta Chromosome*

4.45 Short Story: Same Time, Same Place, by Mervyn Peake. Read by Ian Targett

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 A Whole New Ball Game. Martin Davies's comedy of faith, family and football. With Desmond Barrit, Brenda Blethyn and Richard Pearce (2/6) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4. Tim Rogers reports on topical issues

8.00 Science Now. News and feature on all the latest breakthroughs

8.30 Not Yet the Dodo. Noël Coward's 1960s poem about well-to-do parents who discover that their son is homosexual. Read by Alex Jennings

9.00 In Touch Peter White with news, views and information for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Changes of Address. Juliet Stevenson reads Lee Langley's novel. Abridged by Yvonne Antrobus (7/8) (r)

11.00 Mediumwave. This week's events in the media around the world (r)

11.30 Mirror in Music. In the first of a new series, the Australian guitarist John Williams chooses music that describes the character and spirit of his native country (1/6) (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Secret History. William Hope reads Donna Tartt's bestselling thriller, adapted by Brian McCabe (7/15) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO UK.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

Hello, hello, hello: the police have come back

Matthew Bond

Hello, I'm Edward Woodward. Lovely phrase, isn't it? Not quite in the "Hello, my name is Michael Caine" league, but then again, not far off. And so evocative — past glories, righted wrongs, *scruffy old* raincoats — five little words and we're away. Which, I suppose, is why it's so good for a spot of easy money these days, especially now the *bottom has* fallen out of the counter-intelligence market.

Turn up, say "Hello, I'm Edward Woodward", make sure all your introductions end with three deadly dots . . . and thank you very much. I'll have an elegantly-*sized cheque, please, and* be off to do some proper acting. But more of *In Suspicious Circumstances* anon. We have other hellos to deal with first.

For reasons that escape me, I only seem to remember two things about the first *series of* **Out of the Blue** (BBC1). The first was lots of wobbly camera work shamelessly *ripped* off from *NYPD Blue* and the second was John Hannah lying in a large pool of blood. Last night's opening episode to series two still had the "point and pan" camera-work (*slightly* diluted, or are we just getting used to it?) and there was absolutely no *sign* of Hannah. Either I'd dreamt that bit or the experience had proved fatal.

But what of the hellos? I'm just coming to them. To cast one soap *star can be anything from* an act of charity to a creative masterstroke, but two . . . (don't worry, these dots are harmless), two is definitely pushing it. So no sooner had we said: "Hello, isn't that young Joe from *EastEnders*?" than it was "Hello, have *you seen what* Margaret from *Brookside* is doing on the floor with DC Allen?"

Paul Nicholls, the current heartthrob of Albert Square, had been uglied up a bit for his temporary posting up north — bit of stubble, a generous spattering of acne. But he still looked a little unconvincing as Matt, the wayward father of a *missing* baby. As the cynical DC Brazil (Neil Dudgeon) put it: "I'm amazed he wasn't snatched as well."

Nicola Stephenson couldn't be uglied up if the BBC make-up department tried, which is convenient as, playing the part of Lucy, she seems to have been cast as the lust-interest for Allen (Darrell D'Silva) and, *on the evidence of this brief* acquaintance, precious little else. Still, it's early days. They met last night while Allen was investigating her father's possibly illegal sex-*life and* got on *rather* better *than* police regulations would allow. "I'd say that DC Allen is not the kind of officer to take advantage of his position in a situation like this," said his loyal and beautiful superior, DS Bennett (Orla Brady). *Alas, her* loyalty was misplaced. At that precise moment, Allen was taking advantage of Lucy's precarious position on the bonnet of a police patrol vehicle.

Both storylines were resolved in a stylish manner that augurs well for the rest of the series. Matt and his wife were likely to be in prison (conveniently leaving Nicholls free to concentrate on *EastEnders*), Allen had a new girlfriend to get him into trouble and Monday night had just the sort of drama we need to get us through until September.

No sooner had Woodward popped up to say "Hello, I'm Edward Woodward" at the start of **In Suspicious Circumstances** (ITV) *than up popped Joe's mum.* "Hello, isn't that Lorraine with her hair up?" I wondered. Some nimble work with the pages of the *Radio Times* confirmed my suspicions. It was indeed Jacqueline Leonard, taking a night off from *playground protests to move up* the social ladder to play the wife of [illegible] gambler and Old [illegible], Frank Smith (Jeremy Clyde).

Actually, the phrase "no sooner" isn't strictly accurate. For in between Woodward doing his stuff and Leonard and Clyde doing theirs, Samantha Bond popped up in the first dramatic reconstruction playing the second wife of a murdering bigamist. "Hello, isn't that my *sister*?" I thought. It didn't need the *Radio Times* to tell me that *it was, so* I *spent much* of the remaining 30 minutes worrying whether I *should* mention it. So now I have.

The balance of the time I spent *worrying about something* else entirely. For it later turned out that Arthur Goslett, the husband in question, actually had three wives on the go at once. My concern was, if you are *that* way inclined do you have to go straight from being a bigamist to a polygamist or do you have a brief spell as a trigamist?

As well as distributing the deadly dots in his introduc*tions* ("the consequences would be deadly . . ." and "his passion for gambling ended in death . . ."), Woodward helped the reconstructions along with a bit of narration. On the basis of last night's two cases, the crimes have been well chosen and sufficient time has passed (both stories were from the 1920s) for any risk of *offence* to be minimal. You can question the dialogue (after all, walls don't have ears, so how does anybody know what was said?) but you cannot question its impeccable *delivery* . . . well, *not* if you're a brother.

Earlier, the evening had got under way with "Hello, isn't that Dr Thomas Stuttaford, *The Times's medical columnist?" It was* and very quickly it became clear that, to be more specific, it was Dr Stuttaford being thrown to the lions on **The Rantzen Report** (BBC1). Dr Stuttaford believes myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) is *a form of depression*, while Esther Rantzen and her far from impartial studio audience did not. As you would expect from a *Times* man, Dr Stuttaford went down fighting but it was still a dreadful sight to behold.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (30438) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (61709) **9.00 Breakfast News Extra** (Ceefax) (2270709)

9.20 Delia Smith's Summer Collection (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7880780).

9.50 NEW **Gourmet Ireland.** Return of the foodie series (s) (5224780)

10.20 FILM: The Happiest Days of Your Life (1950, b/w). Classic British comedy set in the Second World War. *A girls' school* is evacuated to the country, but billeted with a boys' school. With Alastair Sim, Margaret Rutherford, Guy Middleton and Joyce Grenfell. Directed by Frank Lauder. Includes news at **11.00** (8998709)

11.50 Lifeline (r) (Ceefax) (s) (8051761)

12.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (1923896)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (s) (4193099)

12.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (6924902)

1.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (64896)

1.30 Regional News and weather (42208051)

1.40 Small Talk (r) (Ceefax) (58254457) **2.10 Lovejoy** (r) (Ceefax) (7715849) **3.00 Unspeakable Verse** (r) (7052902) **3.20 The Flying Doctors** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (9518490) **4.50 Knots Landing** *(r)* (s) (8409047)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (870902)

6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (761)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (341)

7.00 Watchdog: Value for Money. Vanessa Feltz flies to New York to see how that city *caters for big women. Plus: how* Olympic-style swimming costumes fare in a local pool (Ceefax) (s) (5815)

7.30 EastEnders. Joe drops David in at the deep end, just as he and Lorraine agree *to look to the future. Peggy hosts an* important lunch for George (Ceefax) (s) (525)

8.00 **Dawn To Dusk Safari. Riding Elephants in Botswana** *(Ceefax) (s) (1235)*

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart. Gary's fictitious job with Ron may cover his trips to 1941 but it doesn't pay the bills (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3070)

9.00 News; Regional News and **Weather** (Ceefax) (4780)

9.30 Out of This World. Exploring the paranormal. First Officer Mark Stewart, a British Airways pilot, talks about his encounter *with a mystery craft, minutes* before landing at Manchester airport (Ceefax) (s) (640983)

10.15 FILM: The Witches of Eastwick (1987) with Jack Nicholson, Cher, Susan Sarandon and Michelle Pfeiffer. Black comedy. Three amateur witches, short of love, summon the Devil to their New England town. When he arrives they (and he) get more than they bargained for. Directed by George *Miller (875148)*

12.05 FILM: The Day the World Ended (1956, b/w). Part of the *Alien Invasion* season. When the Earth is ravaged by nuclear war, survivors fight among themselves over their mountain cabin sanctuary, *until* their shelter is visited by a new race of mutant cannibals. With Richard Denning and Lori Nelson. Directed by Roger Corman (2005026)

1.20-1.25am Weather (1572133)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Drifting Continents (3042438) **6.25 The History of Maths** (3054273) **6.50 Running the Community** (2922631)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6370254)

7.30 Postman Pat (r) (4561439) **7.45 Lassie** (r) (1102815) **8.10 Smurfs' Adventures** (5713438) **8.35 Get Your Own Back** (8234001) **9.05 Spiderman** (r) (2260322) **9.25 Global Gatecrash** (r) (7896341) **9.50 Poddington Peas** (r) (3494506) **10.00 Playdays** (7431186)

10.25 Man in a Suitcase (Ceefax) (2103506) **11.15 A Passion for Angling** (r) (Ceefax) (9355051) **12.05pm The Addams Family** (b/w) (r) (6151896) **12.30 Making Tracks** (57419) **1.00 Postman Pat** (45233341) **1.15 A-Z of Food** (24262438) **1.25 Wear It Well** (45229148) **1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (8390099) **2.20 Crawshaw Paints on Holiday** (87656964) **2.45 A Life of Knowledge** (4713728) **3.00 News** (1002254) **3.05 The Natural World** (1173377) **3.55 News** (3687525)

4.00 Cartoon (5836612) **4.05 The Family Ness** (5835983) **4.10 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (Ceefax) (2357815) **4.30 Ocean Odyssey** (Ceefax) (438) **5.00 Newsround** (1176379) **5.10 Byker Grove** (r) *(Ceefax) (4649419)*

5.35 FILM: Bad Jim (1990) with James Brolin and Richard Roundtree. A cowboy acquires a horse that once belonged to Billy the Kid and is strangely affected by *it. Directed by Clyde Ware (4105438)*

Jazz singer George Melly (7.00pm)

7.00 **The Seven Ages of Man.** The pyschiatrist Professor Anthony Clare investigates the process of ageing. Tonight he talks to George Melly about growing old (Ceefax) (s) (3457)

7.30 Black Britain. A look at how black witnesses to crimes are silenced by a mistrust of the police or fear of the perpetrator (Ceefax) (s) (167)

8.00 **Picture This: Four Tarts and a Tenor** (Ceefax) (s) (9877)

8.30 Tracks. Ray Mears offers value-for-money advice on outdoor clothes (Ceefax) (s) (1612)

9.00 Murder One: Chapters 21 and 22. Feature-length episode of the legal drama. The jury finishes its deliberations and reaches a verdict (Ceefax) (s) (3051) Followed by Video Nation Shorts

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (944631)

11.15 Oldie TV. A crotchety late-night *magazine (s) (536896)*

12.00 Grace Under Fire (s) (40736)

12.30am The Learning Zone: Running the Community (26668) **1.00 The Changing Shape of the North Sea** (63216) ***1.30 Windows on the Mind*** *(37674)* **2.00 Great Outdoors Collection 2** (97945) **4.00 Italianissimo** (17939) **5.00-6.00 Italianissimo** (95533)

The Seven Ages of Man: George Melly
BBC2, 7.00pm

Professor Anthony Clare puts well-known senior citizens in his psychiatrist's chair and invites them to reflect on old age. The ebullient George Melly *seems* an unlikely candidate for the series but he is almost 70, going deaf and has just had a plate fitted in *his mouth. Although Melly admits* to an inability to show emotion, and to using jokes as a defence mechanism, this is an honest and open interview which goes deeper than a facetious exterior might suggest. He can find *nothing good to say about old age, and* certainly not being offered a seat on a bus, though he does derive a morbid enjoyment from scanning obituary notices for people younger than himself. But he has had an *enjoyably rumbustious, and sometimes* disreputable, life and still drinks more heavily than his doctor thinks wise.

Dawn to Dusk Safari:
Riding Elephants in Botswana
BBC1, 8.00pm

Unlike its Asian counterpart, the African elephant is usually considered too large and too dangerous to domesticate. Randall Jay *Moore, an American zoologist, has obviously* not been listening. The opening sequence to this film from Botswana shows him having a ride on an elephant's tusks. More seriously, he used the elephant as transport into a *watery delta where no four-wheel-drive* would stand a chance. Riding an elephant is a safe way of getting close to wildlife and you are so high up you can almost look a giraffe in the eye. Moore gets many of his elephants from zoos and circuses. He reckons they are far better off in the African wild. The only threat to his herd, which has been swelled by baby elephants orphaned after a cull, comes from bigger elephants. But even these can usually be persuaded to go away quietly.

Picture This: Four Tarts and a Tenor
BBC2, 8.00pm

The tenor is Luciano Pavarotti, no less, and *the tarts*, you will be relieved to know, are of the edible variety. In 1955, as a young unknown, Pavarotti sang at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod. Forty years later he paid a return visit and Francesca Joseph's film, the first in a new series by television debutants, recaptures the event. Footage of Pavarotti in Wales no doubt exists but Joseph ignores it. Instead she relies on the memories of those who helped to smooth the maestro's path, from the hotel staff to the festival organisers and the women who prepared the flowers, only to *discover that the singer was allergic to* pollen. The testimonies are so detailed and vivid, and Joseph's presentation of them so deft, that you have to pinch yourself to realise that Pavarotti is not actually taking part.

War Cries: Knock Back
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Lady Alice Douglas gave the press a heaven-sent story when she married not a fellow aristocrat but *Simon Melia, a convicted* armed robber. This improbable knot was tied while Melia was on home leave from prison. He has since been granted parole, but only after a previous refusal — the knock *back which prisoners* dread. Douglas's film is an attack on the shortcomings of the parole system and a pre-emptive strike against *plans to scale down parole.* Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office Minister, is allowed a robust defence of government thinking. But Douglas calls powerful witnesses in support of her argument that *parole* is a humane lifeline to long-serving prisoners, reduces the prison population and helps to prevent the criminal from reoffending.

Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4376896)

9.25 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (r) (Teletext) (s) (7890167)

9.50 Hope and Gloria (5226148)

10.20 News (Teletext) (5542506)

10.25 Regional News *and weather* (5541877)

10.30 FILM: The Count of Monte Cristo (1988) starring Jaques Weber, Carla Romenelli and Jean-Francois Poron. Adaptation of Dumas' classic tale of injustice and revenge (40982148)

12.20pm Regional News (1912780)

12.30 News *(Teletext) and weather (6927099)*

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (6995490) **1.25 Simply Delicious with Family and Friends** (r) (6752490) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (87663254) **2.25 *Murder, She Wrote*** *(r) (6342102)*

3.20 News (Teletext) (1019544) **3.25 Regional News** (Teletext) (1018815)

3.30 Ozzie the Owl (8968411) **3.40 Tots TV** (3225896) **3.50 Sylvester and Tweety** (1938937) ***4.05 Budgie the Little*** **Helicopter** (5813761) **4.15 Transylvania Pet Shop** (2334964) **4.40 Finders Keepers** (1762273)

5.10 Celebrity Squares (s) (5963815)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (396525)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (843419)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (393102)

Peter Amory and Claire King (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Chris's stepmother has a surprise in store for him. With Peter Amory and Claire King (Teletext) (s) (4493)

7.30 Secrets of the Levels. Photographer Chris Chapman looks at how the Levels have developed through the centuries of human activity (Teletext) (s) (693)

8.00 The Bill. Ackland and McCann sit their sergeants' exam (Teletext) (9631)

8.30 FILM: Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) with Steven Guttenberg *and Bubba Smith.* Slapstick *comedy.* The Police Academy attempt to train a group of oddball citizens to fight crime in the community. Directed by Jim Drake (40032)

10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (40631)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (136235)

10.40 The 10%ers. Sit-com set in a talent agency (Teletext) (s) (966902)

11.10 Bodies of Evidence (r)(207231)

12.05 FILM: The Whereabouts of Jenny (1990) starring Ed O'Neill, Debrah *Farentino and Eve Gordon. A father fights* for access to his daughter, when his former wife and her new husband, a drug dealer turned state witness, are relocated by the police (s) (533228)

1.55 Late & Loud (s) (1037465) **2.55 The Chart Show** (r) (s) (8044216) **3.55 Murder, She Wrote** (r) (s) (6469228) **4.50 Sound Bites** (65371842) **5.00 No Place Like Home** (s) (43910)

5.30 News (38991)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (393102)

7.30-8.00 A Visit to the Eisteddfod (693)

As HTV West except:

10.30am People Like Us (40982148)

12.55pm Emmerdale (6995490)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (83513506)

1.55 Home and Away (58245709)

2.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (87666341)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1072631)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5963815)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (52964)

7.30-8.00 Cobblestones, Cottages and Castles (693)

11.10 Prisoner Cell Block H (207231)

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1.55 A Country Practice (89243148)

2.20 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (87667070)

2.50-3.20 Simply Delicious (5555070)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5963815)

6.25-7.00 Central News (393102)

7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (693)

11.10 Film: Dracula (12494896)

1.15am Late & Loud (419303)

2.15 The Good Sex Guide (6079668)

3.20 The Big Match Replayed (4393939)

As HTV West except:

9.50-10.20 Sandokan (5226148)

10.30 Worzel Gummidge (25322)

11.00 Dogtanian (5564070)

11.25 Beakman's World (5574457)

11.55 Dungeons and Dragons (9992934)

12.55pm Emmerdale (6995490)

1.25 Home and Away (83513506)

1.55 Shortland Street (89243148)

2.20 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (87667070)

2.50-3.20 True . . . but Strange (5555070)

5.10 Home and Away (5963815)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (457)

6.30-7.00 Take 7 (709)

7.30-8.00 A Most Secret Service (693)

11.10 Prisoner Cell Block H (207231)

Starts: 6.30 Chicken Minute (26148) **7.00 The *Big Breakfast*** (54419) ***9.00 California*** **Dreams** (7802902) **9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (7872761) **9.55 Saved by the Bell: The College Years** (6011254) **10.20 Pink Panther** (2852419) **10.45 Rocko's Modern Life** (8879544) **11.05 Crystal Maze** (9670877) **12.00 Mork and Mindy** (47544) **12.30pm Crawshaw Paints Acrylics** (75815) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (57506) **1.30 Terrytoons** (45224728) **1.35 Film: It Happened in Brooklyn** (10526457) **3.30 Countdown** (815) **4.00 *Backdate*** (322) **4.30 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol** (37341) **6.00 Newyddion** *(292761)* ***6.15 Heno*** *(750186)* **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (154457) **7.25 Bancer** (389032) **8.00 Newyddion** (7273) **8.30 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol** (74877) **9.30 Lan or *Lan:* Tocyn Tomi i Ewrop** (55051) **10.00 Brookside** (619273) **10.35 Ellen** (965273) **11.05 Film: Monty Python's Life of Brian** (568506) **12.45am Black Bag: Women Out of Prison** (55262)

CHANNEL 4

6.30am Chicken Minute (r) (26148)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (54419)

9.00 California Dreams (r) (7802902)

9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack (r) (s) (7872761) **9.55 Hangin' with Mr *Cooper*** *(r) (Teletext) (s) (6011254)* ***10.20*** **Pink Panther** (r) (s) (2852419) **10.45 Rocko's Modern Life** (r) (s) (8879544) **11.05 The Crystal Maze** (r) (Teletext) (s) (9670877) **12.00 Mork and Mindy** (r) (47544)

12.30pm Crawshaw Paints Acrylics (r) (Teletext) (s) (75815)

1.00 Sesame Street (r) (9837438)

1.55 Augusta in Heaven (45209419)

2.05 FILM: In the Good Old Summertime (1949). Judy Garland is a shopgirl who *falls for her pen pal, not realising he is her* detested fellow worker, Van Johnson. Also making appearances are Buster Keaton and a one-year-old Liza Minnelli. Directed by Robert Z. Leonard (161885)

4.00 Backdate *(Teletext) (s)* (322) **4.30 Countdown** (Teletext) (s) (506) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (Teletext) (s) (8039815) **5.45 Terrytoons** (660612)

6.00 The Avengers (r) (Teletext) (50506)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (136877)

7.55 The Slot (479438)

Lady Alice Douglas (8.00pm)

8.00 ***War Cries: Knock Back.*** (1/6) A series of documentaries airing grievances against the system. Lady Alice Douglas calls for the parole system to be strengthened *(Teletext) (s) (7273)*

8.30 Brookside. A guilty Nat returns to the Close (Teletext) (s) (6780)

9.00 Justice for Lynn. In 1978 Lynn Siddons was brutally murdered. This programme traces the *trial of the man her family* accuses of murdering her (1943032)

10.05 FILM: Benny and Joon (1993). An off-beat love story, which stars Johnny Depp and Mary Stuart Masterson. Directed by Jeremiah Chechik (Teletext) (s) (895902)

11.55 Watching the Detectives (4/5). Focusing *on real-life private detectives.* Tonight's programme goes from London to the Costa del Sol, where Peter Clark searches for stolen boats in a trade worth millions of pounds (r) (Teletext) (155524)

1.00 FILM: My Childhood *(1972, b/w) Bill* Douglas's acclaimed autobiographical short film, about growing up in a Scottish mining village in the war years. With Stephen Archibald *and* Hughie Restorick (7210262)

1.55 FILM: Little Red Monkey (1955, b/w). Richard Conte is a US State Department *agent sent to Britain to guard Russian* scientist Arnold Marie, who has recently defected from the West, and save him from the "friendship" of his enemies. Directed by Ken Hughes (3960945). ***Ends at 3.30am***

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (23475) **9.00** Press Your Luck (4238877) **9.20** Love Connection (1052186) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (2450148) **10.40** Jeopardy! (9338916) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (8890099) **12.00** Code 3 (67322) **12.30pm** Designing Women (95693) **1.00** Hotel (90148) **2.00** Geraldo (81235) **3.00** Court TV (6322) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (5062902) **4.15** Undun (1201525) **5.00** Quantum Leap (1542) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (88952) **7.00** Spellbound (1631) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4457) **8.00** Sightings (53631) **9.00** The X-Files (40167) **10.00** Quantum Leap (43254) **11.00** Highlander (87781) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (2508769) **12.45am** Napoleon and Josephine: A Love Story (6885216) **1.30** Smouldering Lust (84378) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (8903804)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00 Sunrise (2212148) **9.30** Fashion (99419) **10.30** ABC Nightline News (74612) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (92506) **2.30** CBS News This Morning (1506) **3.30** Fashion (6051) **6.30** Tonight with Simon Mccoy (8815) **7.30** Sportsline (2099) **8.30** Target (4728) **11.30** CBS Evening News (57032) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (62484) **1.30** Tonight with Simon Mccoy Replay (75620) **2.30** Target (39658) **3.30** Fashion (40910) **4.30** CBS Evening News (56007) **5.30** ABC World News Tonight (70891)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am How to Steal the World (1968) (95896) **8.00 The Adventures of the Wilderness Family (1975)** (85815) **10.00 Torch Song (1993)** (38439) ***12.00 How I*** **Got Into College (1989)** (75438) **2.00pm Cool Runnings (1993)** (34506) **4.00 Clarence, the Cross-eyed Lion (1965)** (2506) **6.00 Torch Song (1993)** (47070) **8.00 Cool Runnings (1993)** (59815) **10.00 Arctic Blue (1994)** (351167) ***11.40*** **Dancing with Danger (1994)** (520631) **1.15am Fist of Justice (1993)** (163200) **2.50 Tobe Hooper's Night Terrors (1993)** (708587) **4.25-6.00 Clarence, the Cross-eyed Lion (1965)** (990378)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Back to the Future (1985) (89780) **2.00pm Arsenic and Old Lace (1944)** (16148) **4.00 The Bravados (1958)** (91810341) **5.40 PT 109 (1963)** (73142693) **8.00 The Milagro Beanfield War (1987)** (31457) **10.00 Back to the Future (1985)** (73951780) **12.05am Nothing But Trouble (1991)** (183378) **1.40 Dracula: Prince of Darkness (1965)** (213939) **3.15-5.00 The Bravados (1958)** (219674)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Sun Valley Serenade (1941) (65167) **7.30 Matt the Gooseboy** (48490) ***9.00 David and the Magic Pearl*** (79438) **10.30 Transformers — the Movie (1986)** (73099) **12.00 Bernadine (1957)** (66780) **2.00pm The Rains Came (1939)** (32148) **4.00 Spider-man Strikes Back (1978)** (1308) **6.00 Johnny's Girl (1995)** (17099) **7.30 Special Feature ()** (7167) **8.00 My Girl 2 (1994)** (57457) **10.00 Twenty Bucks (1993)** (231815) **11.35 Pummaro (1994)** (720544) **1.20am Once Is Not Enough (1975)** (92017823) ***3.25-6.00*** **A.P.E.X. (1994)** (65576945)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.05am Quack Attack (7465254) **6.30** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (64836693) **6.55** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (64845728) **7.20** Ducktales (97731419) **7.45** Ducktales (87782709) **8.10** Quack Attack (69030099) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (67373693) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (73066457) **9.30** Quack Attack (95571051) **10.00** Disney (74037902) **10.55** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (52952964) **11.20** Chip 'N Dale (49108235) ***11.45*** *Muppet* Babies (71320051) **12.05pm** Adventures in Wonderland (76885525) **12.30** Lamb *Chops Play Along!* (95582167) **1.00** Tarzan (83133148) **1.30** Flipper (51976167) **2.20** Teen Angel (93857815) **2.30** Adventures of *Creech* (88491815) **3.00** Ducktales (31779148) **3.25** Quack Attack (31781983) **3.50** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (79134831) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (37855896) **4.40** Darkwing Duck (48864235) **5.00** Gargoyles (39563631) **5.30** Disney (84315032) **6.20** Emerald Cove (33343780) **6.30** Home Improvement (88483896) **7.00** Thunder Alley (39550167) **7.30 FILM:** Mrs Lambert Remembers Love (53799983) **9.00** Just Like Family (36805983) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement

EUROSPORT

7.30am Formula 1 (93964) **9.00** Speedworld (30964) **10.00** Truck Racing (57544) **11.00** Boxing (37780) **12.00** Triathlon (77322) **1.00pm** Olympic Games (12983) **3.00** Sportscar (68099) **4.00** Motorcycling (47506) **5.00** Boxing (8186) **6.00** Live Tennis (9335341) **10.00** Tractor Pulling (74148) **11.00-12.30am** Snooker *(45051)*

SKY SPORTS

7.00am *Sports Centre Countdown to the* Season (42896) **8.00** The Week in Baseball (32761) **8.30** Racing News (31032) **9.00** Aerobics (55612) **9.30** Nascar - Brickyard 400 (390983) **12.00** Aerobics (42148) **12.30pm** Eric Cantona — the Perfect Story (87902) **1.30** Beach Volleyball (62490) **2.00** ASP Surfing Tour (41821) **3.00** Water Sports World (66631) **4.00** Major League Baseball (52439) **5.00** Wrestling (3490) **6.00** Sports Centre (363983) **6.05** Eric Cantona — the Perfect Story (541490) **7.00** Asian Football Show (80709) **8.00** How the Premiership was Won (93273) **10.00** Sports Centre (255051) **10.15** Asian Football (684341) **11.15** Nascar — Brickyard 400 (44175273) **1.45-2.00am** Sports Centre (7113397)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm The Nationals 1986 and 1994 (9254768) **11.00** The Game of Billions (2813051) **12.00** Hall of Fame — Fontane (2308574) **12.30-1.00am** Pots of Gold: Hendry Vs Davis 1991 (1811755)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Jack Van Impe Presents **5.00** Kenneth & Gloria Copeland: Voice of Victory ***5.30*** *Christian Music TV* **5.45** Creflo Dollar: Changing Your World **6.15** Colin Dye: Power for Living **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am *Guiding Light (4405803)* **7.55** As the World Turns (9503631) **8.50** Peyton Place (6500544) **9.20** Days of Our Lives *(5733322)* **10.10-11.00** Another World (5863490)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (5553051) **11.30** Trailside - Make Your Own Adventure *(5554780)* **12.00** Mansions *(2732612)* **12.30pm** Pierre Franey's Cooking in France (9726885) **1.00** Getaway (2838902) **1.30** Italy (2587546) **2.00** Discover America (5888254) **3.00** Globetrotter (2324186) **3.30** Around the World .. in 30 Minutes (9222493) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (75014099)

Guns blazing: Vigil, Morin and Vacio (Sky Movies Gold, 8.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Spirit of England (5577631) **5.00** D-Day (2315438) **6.00-7.00** Biography (4871934)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from 8am-2am on cable and 1am-4am, plus 7pm-10pm Monday-Wednesday, on satellite
7.00pm *Battlestar Galactica* (9541867) **8.00** Independence Day Special (9445490) **8.20 FILM: War of the Worlds** (44013254) **10.00** (8140506) **1.00am** *The Six Million* Dollar Man (6289976) **2.00 FILM: War of the Worlds** (3997736) **3.30-4.00** Independence Day Special *(3334129)*

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7296631) **9.30** Grow Your Own (9218148) **10.00** Neat Stuff (8921780) **10.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (7292815) **11.00** *The Painted House* (5804709) **11.30** Room for Improvement (5805438) ***12.00*** *Julia Child (7283167)* **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (9212964) **1.00** Simply Delicious in France and Italy (2864032) **1.30** This Old House (9211235) **2.00** This Old House (2598411) **2.30** Garden Club (8765542) **3.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (3843308) **3.30-4.00** The Old House with Steve and Norm (3515849) (4080934)

UK GOLD

7.00am Happy Ever After (2674419) **7.30** Neighbours (2696254) **8.00** Angels (7282438) **8.30** Dear John: USA (7281709) **9.00** The Bill (7265761) **9.30** The Sullivans (9210505) **10.00** Angels (2692438) **11.00** Bullseye (5808167) **11.30** Tellystack (5807696) **12.00** Sale of the Century (7285525) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9214322) **1.00** Till Death Us Do Part (9303438) **1.35** Hi-De-Hi (9258419) **2.15** Robin's Nest (9935273) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (3552032) **3.30** The Bill (1715867) ***4.00*** One by One (87803983) **5.05** Tellystack (85539490) **5.35** Bullseye (7718612) **6.05** You Rang, M'Lord? (3513849) **7.05** The Bob Monkhouse Show (5019273) **8.00** Tripper's Day (5527490) **8.25** Just Good Friends *(8245902)* ***9.00*** The Sweeney (1849902) **10.00** The Bill (2223983) **10.35** Taxi (5279631) **11.10** The Treachery Game (9512780) **12.05am FILM: *Up the Creek*** (75850910) **1.30** Shopping (7757007)

TCC

6.00am Sesame Street (63728) **7.00** Tiny and Crew (2831877) **7.15** Rosie and Jim (1667457) ***7.30*** *Greedysaurus (2803525)* **7.40** 10+2 (3747070) **7.50** Robin and Rosie (3743254) **8.00** Barney (10837) **8.30** *Dinobabies (55588)* ***9.00*** Art Attack (82780) **9.30** Byker Grove (38099) **10.00** Heartbreak High (38544) **11.00** Madison (68524) **11.30** Hang Time (18083) **12.00** Degrees: Junior High (55524) **12.30pm** Pugwall's Summer (30815) **1.00** California Dreams (29896) **1.30** Meltdown (48778964) **1.45** Take One! (48773419) **2.00** Ready or Not (7099) **2.30** Madison (1984) **3.00** Heartbreak High (77761) **4.00** California Dreams (5544) ***4.30-5.00*** *Byker Grove (1728)*

NICKELODEON

6.00am Bananas in Pyjamas (5706612) **6.15** Mr Men (5701167) **6.30** Babar (13612) **7.00** Littlest Pet Shop (52099) **7.30** Turtles *(31506)* ***8.00*** *Biker Mice from Mars (69631)* **8.30** Mighty Max (62902) **9.00** Rugrats *(43438)* **10.00** Real Monsters (91344) **10.30** *Doug (59438)* **11.00** Rocko (89728) **11.30** Pete & Pete (60457) **12.00** Alex Mack (33490) **12.30pm** Ren and Stimpy (61761) **1.00** Santo Bugito (44070) **1.30** Capital Critters (60032) **2.00** Ferals (1273) **2.30** Mighty Max (7322) **3.00** Biker Mice from Mars (3380) **3.30** Real Monsters (9167) **4.00** Tales of the Cryptkeeper (1902) **4.30** Rugrats (7186) **5.00** Sister Sister (1032) **6.00** Alex Mack (6051) **6.30-7.00** Are You *Afraid of the Dark?* (2631)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm *Around Whicker's World (5866761)* **5.00** Time Travellers (8893803) **5.30** Jurassica (8460780) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (9220983) **7.00** *Cat Wars (4493042)* **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (7210457) **8.00** Discover Magazine (1627780) **9.00** Great Commanders (1647544) **10.00** Porsche — the Racing Legend (1640631) **11.00-12.00** The Sexual Imperative

BRAVO

12.00 Robin Hood (7270693) **12.30pm** William Tell (9209490) ***1.00*** *The Buccaneers* (2691186) **1.30** Sir Lancelot (9208761) **2.00** The Wild Wild West (6926235) **3.00** The *Saint (5886780)* ***4.00 FILM: The Stranger*** (9148790) **6.00** UFO (9224709) **7.00** The Persuaders (1645186) **8.00** The Prisoner (1621506) **9.00** The New Avengers (1634070) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Tale of a Vampire** (5895051)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (2761) **7.30** Entertainment *(8815)* **8.00** Wings *(8709)* **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (3524) **9.00** Soap (49964) **9.30** Taxi *(81525)* **10.00** Entertainment *(41419)* ***10.30*** *Dr Katz (50187)* ***11.00*** Home Court (51709) ***11.30*** London Underground (91908) **12.00** Camal Knowledge (29378) **1.00am** Soap (84858) **1.30** Taxi (28736) **2.00** Entertainment (22649) **2.30** Wings (34484) **3.00** Dr Katz (91194) **3.30-4.00** Home Court (25736)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (7480341) **7.00** Esther (7180902) **7.30** Young and Restless (8342709) **8.20** Gladrags and Glamour (6948631) **8.30** Delia Smith's Summer Collection (8051099) **9.05** Rolanda (8427983) **9.35** Kate & Allie (5361167) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (7725612) **10.05** Jerry Springer *(5270631)* ***11.00*** The Young and the Restless (7491544) **11.55** Brookside (5048983) **12.30pm** Gabrielle (8085457) **1.20** Catchword (2098525) **2.00** Cagney and Lacey (3119612) **3.00** The Summer Show (1709490) **4.00** Infatuation UK (7456877) **4.30** Crosswits (5156728) **5.05** Lingo (64957606) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7469341) **6.00** Bewitched (7466254) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (6229709) **7.05** Brookside (6281047) ***7.35*** *Trivial Pursuit* (9197051) **8.00** Street Legal (1765964) **9.00 FILM: Life of the Party: The Story of *Beatrice*** *(1769051)* **11.00-12.00** The Erogenous Zone (7166322)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Through the Keyhole (1051) **5.30** My Two Dads (6780) **6.00** Batman (2693) ***6.30*** *Catchphrase (8273)* **7.00** All Clued Up (1815) **7.30** The Fall Guy (16341) **8.30** Only When I Laugh (8070) **9.00** Father Dowling (13051) **10.00** Treasure Hunt (23438) **11.00** Sirens (39273) **12.00** The Fall Guy (65194) **1.00am** Batman (40484) **1.30** Father Dowling (91465) **2.30** All Together Now (70200) **3.00** Big Brother Jake (20620) **3.30** GP (61552) **4.00** All Clued Up (55845) **4.30-5.00** Robinson Sucroe (38649)

MTV

7.30am *Oasis Rockumentary* (42090) **8.00** Morning Mix (242032) **11.00** Hit List UK (27438) **12.00** MTV's Greatest Hits (11780) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (95341) **3.00** Select MTV (86419) **4.00** Hanging Out Summertime (45322) **5.30** Dial MTV (4438) ***6.00*** *Hanging Extra (4051)* ***6.30*** *Road Rules* 2 (8631) **7.00** MTV's US Top 20 Countdown (26525) **8.00** MTV M-cyclopedia (35273) **9.00** Singled Out (94438) **9.30** MTV Amour (24273) **10.30** MTV's Beavis & Butt-head (81051) **11.00** Alternative Nation (87070) **1.00-5.00am** Videos (3647991)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (2835273) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (5038588) **12.00** Heart and Soul (4976588) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (2976308) **2.00** Ten of the Best (5888612) **3.00** Into the Music (9644341) **6.00** Happy Hour (2071952) **7.00** VH-1 for You (7741885) **8.00** Tuesday Review (1445493) ***9.00*** *Ten of the Best (1341849)* **10.00** The '80s Vinyl Years (8191326) **11.00** Nightly (8412506) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (8398674)

CMT EUROPE

Country *music from* **8am to 7pm on satellite, 24 hours on cable,** including **5pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (37141631) **7.30** Life Style East (27315419) ***8.30*** *Ibr (57078780)* **9.00** Neelakuyilah Kannamma (57089032) **9.30** Andhera Ujala (28492821) **10.30** Kurukshetra (57098544) **11.00** Khoobsurat (40167902) **11.30** Tara (60258439) **12.30pm** Pariwartan (92585506) **1.00 FILM: Pather Dil** (20894525) **4.00** Flu *(40607235)* **4.30** Ashaa *(40603419)* **5.00** Zee Zone (61166772) **5.30** Hum Zameen (40627099) **6.00** Dance Mania (40617612) **6.30** Zee & U (40608964) **7.00** V3 (47768916) **7.30** Sitaron Ka Karvan (40604148) **8.00** News (31461524) **8.30** Darrar (58211821) **9.00** Chalo Cinema (40154438) **9.30** Urdu Serial (68808896) **10.30** Sa Re Ga Ma (78028148) **11.30-12.00** Urdu Stage Play (91110235)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Beau Brummel (1954) (83145983) **9.00 The Loved One (1965)** (95749525) **11.00 San Francisco (1936)** (69518360) **1.00am The Secret of My Success (1965)** (15392113) ***2.55-5.00*** **Beau Brummel (1954)** (84280281)

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Government must show more than passing concern for British performance in Atlanta

Olympic success will come at a price

FROM DAVID MILLER IN ATLANTA

THE British throw up their arms in dismay at what is seen as a poor medal ranking in the Centennial Olympic Games: 15 medals overall and the equal seventeenth most successful nation. Why was anyone surprised? The performance was predictable, neither shameful nor successful.

It was, in a word, sport: hazardous in its minute margins, as it was for Linford Christie and Jonathan Edwards. That is sport's simultaneous beauty and anguish. Ask Eduard Zenovka, of Russia, who fell five strides from a gold medal in the modern pentathlon. Is Great Britain, which did more to inspire de Coubertin than ever modern Greece did in relaunching the Games, forgetting the honour of taking part?

Some of the competitors, of course, are disappointed. They did not fail through lack of effort. The coaches of the different federations within the British Olympic Association (BOA) are not surprised at the outcome. They know what coach and athlete are up against — a rapidly improving world. Fifteen more nations, 79, won medals in Atlanta than in Barcelona.

Great Britain has a reputation of success in the Olympic field and in non-Olympic sports such as cricket, rugby union and golf. That success came originally because it initiated many sports, not because of natural physical superiority. Many nations are equally or more athletic, agile or fast. What the British have is mental equilibrium, a competitive instinct, a durable temperament.

The total of 15 medals, five fewer than in Barcelona four years ago, is probably a fair share, given that we have had a century of decentralisation, mismanagement, lack of government enthusiasm and jealously competing national governing organisations. In 1968, in Mexico, when it was still relatively easy, Britain finished eleventh, with 13 medals. What was the government doing then? Politicians, who are disinterested for 206 weeks out of every four years, have no right suddenly to shout criticism from the touchline at the BOA, our one body that understands the needs and operation of elite sport.

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Dick Palmer, the BOA general secretary, who knows more about what is required to prevent Britain's continuing Olympic decline than any five ministers for sport thrown together, co-ordinates a body that is robbed by taxation of 40 per cent of the private money it raises towards preparing a respectable team. If the nation wants medals, it must pay for them. Spontaneous, off-the-cuff champions rarely exist. When they do, without support, they probably finish fourth.

The relatively glorious track and field era of 1980-1992 — from Wells, Ovett, Thompson and Coe in Moscow, through Cram, Elliott and Sanderson to Christie, Jackson, Black, Backley and Gunnell — has all but gone. Those athletes succeeded in spite of rather than because of the system.

British swimmers, cyclists, boxers, rowers and the rest are inadequately equipped and supported compared with those of every other frontline nation. Britain collectively has to decide what kind of music it wants, not stand back and berate the orchestra.

Knowledgeable administrators, experienced coaches and informed commentators have been saying for many years that Britain was lagging behind in national co-ordination of sporting forces. We cannot expect to succeed in the field when we cannot even rationalise our absurdly disparate administration.

When any foreigner wishes to make an inquiry about British sports policy, they have no idea who to contact: the English, Scottish, Welsh or Irish federation, the Sports Council, the Central Council of Physical Recreation, the BOA, the government department (what department?). Britain lacks not only funding but a central voice.

Without investment, research, design (coaching) and central co-ordination, Britain will continue to flag. The sports industry is no different from the motor industry: Britain has innovative ideas, reasonable raw material and slipshod production.

British Olympians were overtaken in the Thirties by the United States and Scandinavia, in the Fifties by Russia, in the Sixties and Seventies by the rest of eastern Europe, in the Eighties and Nineties by Africa and Asia. The Brazilians, Chinese, Nigerians and others are as talented as Britain, and there are more of them.

The debate about whether sport matters or not, socially, is a different issue. If it does not, we must retire on our laurels, like the Greeks, and become no more than a symbolic sporting footnote of the past. If this government, or any government, thinks it is important, it must provide a level playing field alongside the French, Australians, Koreans, Ukrainians and the rest.

Champions in the twenty-first century will continue to be self-motivated, but will only arise from established, widespread breeding grounds, in the way that mental invention, whether scientific or academic, only prospers with the provision of laboratories and universities. John Major's Academy of Sport is the last chance to stay in the race. It ill becomes Labour politicians to complain about Atlanta when socialism has ideologically and deliberately curtailed, if not destroyed, competitive sport in our schools.

BRITAIN IN THE MEDAL RACE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Overall position
1952	1	2	8	11	18th
1956	6	7	11	24	6th
1960	2	6	12	20	8th
1964	4	12	2	18	9th
1968	5	5	3	13	11th
1972	4	5	9	18	9th
1976*	3	5	5	13	10th
1980*	5	7	9	21	7th
1984*	5	11	21	37	5th
1988	5	10	19	34	8th
1992	5	3	12	20	11th
1996	1	8	6	15	17th

*1976 African boycott
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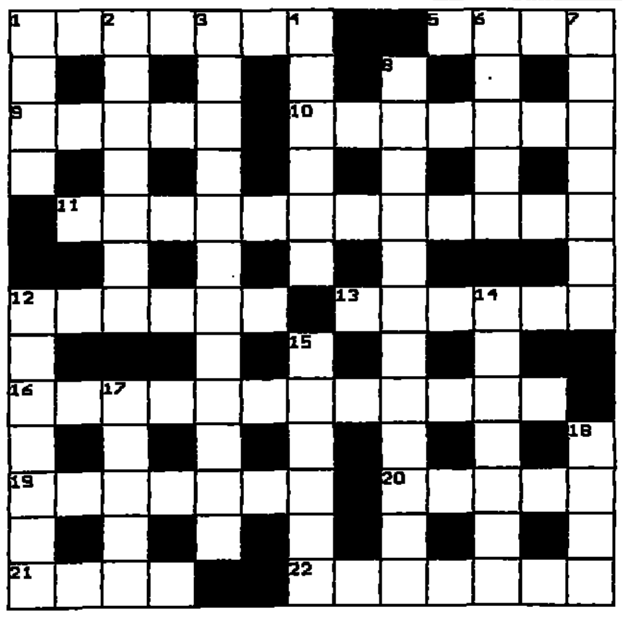

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10 Be given (7)
11 Unhurt by criticism (5-7)
12 Having a limit (6)
13 Catchphrase (6)
16 One pretending to be lower-class (8,4)
19 Israeli parliament (7)
20 Additional (5)
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22 Samson's treacherous lover (7)

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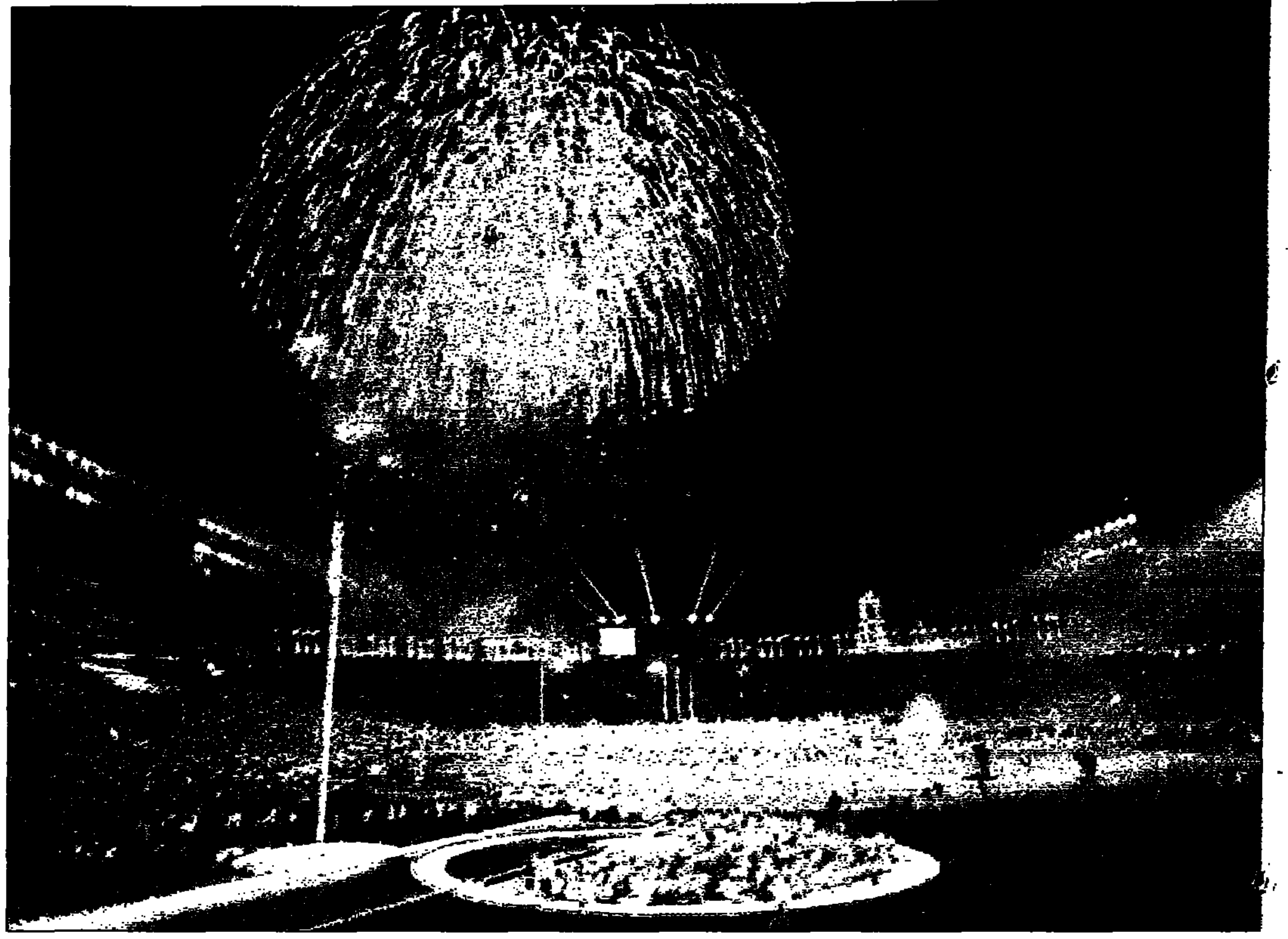

RON KUNTZ

The Centennial Olympic Games go out with a bang during a spectacular closing ceremony in Atlanta on Sunday night

Lawyers back Gillingham fight

BY CRAIG LORD AND JOHN GOODBODY

BRITISH sports bodies yesterday backed Nick Gillingham's fight to receive the Olympic 200 metres breaststroke bronze medal, after the Russian who finished third was reinstated although he had taken a banned drug.

Lawyers for the British Olympic Association (BOA) and the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain will now be appealing on Gillingham's behalf against the ruling that Andrei Korneyev should be given the "benefit of the doubt".

Korneyev and four other Russians tested positive for bromantan, a psycho-stimulant used by Russian cosmonauts to reduce feelings of fatigue and make the body more tolerant of heat. Korneyev was stripped of his bronze medal and Gillingham, fourth in the final, was moved up to third place.

A six-day hearing of the Independent Court of Arbitration for Sport, which was set up in Atlanta to settle disputes, accepted that bromantan had enhanced Korneyev's performance but that both he and Zafar Gulyov, a Greco-Roman wrestling bronze medal-winner in the under 48kgs class, had probably only taken the substance to help relieve the effects of heat and humidity in Atlanta.

Jean-Phillippe Rochart, general secretary of the Court, said: "The experts were not totally sure that bromantan was simply used for the sole purpose of enhancing performance."

Fina, the world swimming federation, has accepted the Court's ruling. The decision clears the way for a swimmer plus a runner from Russia and a Lithuanian cyclist to appeal against their disqualifications. None of them won medals.

Gillingham said: "The court has brushed aside the other effects of this drug, such as the fact that it is a stimulant and the fact that it can be used to mask other substances. It seems that these days you can come to an Olympic Games with your pharmacists and lawyer and get off scot-free. But it's not all over 'til the fat lady sings' and she's not even on stage yet. We fight on."

Gillingham, 29, from Birmingham, would become the first British swimmer ever to win a medal at three Games if he were to be given the bronze from Atlanta. He won a silver medal in the 200 metres in Seoul in 1988 and a bronze in Barcelona in 1992.

The decision to bring in British lawyers was taken after talks with Dick Palmer, the general secretary of the BOA, and Barbara Lancaster, the swimming team manager in Atlanta.

Gillingham: appealing

Bromantan was banned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) because it falls into the category of "and related substances". This is used as a catch-all phrase because it would be impossible to list all the drugs used in all countries. There are only four research papers written on the drug, all of them in Russian.

Apart from the five cases of bromantan, there were four other positive tests at the Games. Estella Rodriguez, a judo fighter from Cuba, took a diuretic and Marie McMahon, the 5,000-metres runner from Ireland, took Advil, an analgesic painkiller. She was exonerated of any misdemeanour. Yesterday, it was announced that Iva Prandzheva, of Bulgaria, who came fourth in the women's triple jump, and Natalya Shekodanova, a 100-metres hurdler from Russia, had tested positive for steroids. They face four-year suspensions.

These two positive cases were detected by standard testing equipment and not the new high-resolution mass spectrometers that were supposed to be three-times more effective in uncovering the use of anabolic steroids. The high-resolution mass spectrometer was used for the first time at the Games, but there was not the expected rash of positive tests for hormone drugs. All the tests carried out at the Games are expected to be cleared by the laboratory by tomorrow. Michele Verdier, the IOC spokeswoman, said: "From that we can see that we are sending the right kind of signal to the world of sport — that we have the right technology."

However, this does not necessarily mean that none of the competitors had taken performance-enhancing drugs. The IOC Medical Commission and scientists have yet to settle the problems surrounding the illicit use of human growth hormone (HGH) and erythropoietin (EPO), both of which have been widely used in the past. It is hoped that work on these drugs will be completed before the Sydney Games in 2000.

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Public fails the Headingley Test

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

YORKSHIRE'S cricket may be resurgent but its public is causing dismay with a show of apathy towards the national team. Only 7,000 tickets have been sold for the first day of the second Test between England and Pakistan, on Thursday, and advance sales for Sunday are a pitiful 2,500.

Chris Hassell, chief executive of Yorkshire, said that he was "puzzled and disappointed" by the turnover of tickets and admitted that the prospects of achieving £1 million revenue, the benchmark of respectability for a Test in the provinces, are remote.

"I don't understand it," he said. "We have used exactly the same marketing outlets as in the past two years. On both occasions we hit the million easily, and last summer's Test was played in early June, which is less attractive, and in cold weather."

Hassell cites various possible reasons for the shortfall, including the advent of summer rugby league and the European football championship. More than 10,000 spectators attended a rugby league match at Headingley on Sunday and the three Euro 96 games in the city attracted crowds of up to 36,000, 2,000 more than the advance sales for the entire Test.

Less convincingly, Hassell also claims that Pakistan are not appealing opposition in his county. After winning thrillingly at Lord's, they continue to excite interest elsewhere and The Oval, venue for the final Test later this month with a capacity similar to Headingley's 16,000, has already sold out for each of the first three days.

In 1992, when Pakistan last toured, 53,817 saw them beaten inside four days in a riveting Headingley Test. Since then, 70,450 watched the Australia Test of 1993, 67,500 the South Africans in 1994 and 64,300 were there last year as England lost to West Indies.

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Headingley has been guaranteed a Test throughout the 1990s, and Australia will visit again next summer, but just as Edgbaston will be on trial after two unsatisfactory pitches, the crowd decline will bring an unwelcome spotlight onto the Yorkshire ground.

"The advance sales are desperately disappointing, especially for Sunday," Richard Little, spokesman for the Test and County Cricket Board, said. "There are lessons we must learn this summer, because it is no use patting ourselves on the back when the crowds turn up to watch Australia next year. We have to bring people in when the tickets do not sell automatically."

Such hard commercial facts have helped to persuade the Board to retain the giant replay screen at Headingley, despite a growing chorus of disquiet over its effect on players, umpires and crowds. "There is a commercial view about it and a cricketing view," Little admitted. "If it helps the enjoyment of spectators, that is a factor we cannot ignore."

As the outcry over the abortion of a single twin continues, **Halina Kierkuc** talks about being the mother of twin girls

Life with twins is twice as good, twice as bad

PETE NICHOLLS

Halina Kierkuc with daughters Georgia and Clementine

When the doctor who was to perform my amniocentesis turned on the monitor, there was a long silence. My husband and I both panicked as we watched *him scrutinise the screen*, checking and double checking the flickering image.

"What's wrong?" I asked, already close to tears. "Nothing," he replied after a moment. "They both look fine." It was only then, 16 weeks into my pregnancy, we realised I was carrying twins.

We went from shock through elation and then back into shock. We *had already taken the difficult* decision that if the amniocentesis showed a foetal abnormality in what we thought was a single child, we would not go ahead with the *pregnancy. Now we needed to know* what would happen if one child was healthy and the other was not.

We were told that it would be possible to terminate just one of the pregnancies but somehow the idea of aborting a single twin, and *leaving the other behind, was excru*ciating. It changed everything.

Eventually, the amniocentesis showed that both babies were normal. But the three-week wait for the *result was the worst time of my life*. The thought of the dreadful dilemma we might have faced has haunted me ever since. I will never know what our decision would have been, but I think I understand a little of what the mother at Queen Charlotte's Hospital must be thinking as she prepares to have one of her healthy *twin* foetuses aborted.

What I can say for certain is that being the parent of twins *has* been the most joyful, and the most difficult, experience of my life. My girls, Clementine and Georgia, have just turned four. They are a very special team and I cannot *imagine*, or even remember, life without them.

But there have been times in the past four years when I have been close to despair, even though I have a supportive partner and have been able to afford help. The problems of coping with a multiple birth should never be underestimated.

Even before birth, twins can present problems. I was warned that with twice the dose of pregnancy hormone in my system, I was likely to suffer from particularly debilitating bouts of *morning* sickness. And with two babies sapping your resources, you feel constantly exhausted. By the 32nd week of my pregnancy, I was the size that most women *reach* at term. Gigantic. I could barely sit still, let alone eat or sleep in comfort. I was ordered by my doctor to give up work and stay in bed. I was fortunate *not* to have another child to cope with.

Despite my best efforts to rest, the girls were born prematurely. When they eventually left hospital, tiny scraps at 4lb each, we spent our savings on a maternity nurse to help to look after them — a luxury that simply is *not* available to most *families*.

The regime was still punishing. The girls were so small I was determined to breastfeed them. For the first few weeks, it was a process that seemed to occupy most *of our waking hours* and replaced the ones that we had previously used for sleep. By the time both children were fed I had approximately 45 minutes before the whole routine started again.

At least we had a washing-machine and dryer at *home*. For the first six *months* they were never switched off. I had intended to be environmentally friendly and use terry-towelling nappies. In the end I resorted to disposables to earn myself a few extra hours out of the kitchen. Our *nappy* bill escalated to about £16 a week.

Realising that we were heading towards bankruptcy, we did our best to minimise our costs, but even shopping second-hand, twins are an expensive business. There are two cots to buy, two sets of toys, a double buggy to finance and a bigger room to get ready.

Emotionally and physically those months were harrowing. The instant one fell asleep at night, the other would wake up screaming. When one was ravenously hungry, the other was off her feed. If one was sick, *her sister would give us just* enough time to clear up before she would *oblige*.

Of course any parent with more than one child faces similar problems but I believe having *two* children of exactly the same age can be *more* frustrating. Instead of having one older and more sensible child who can take a lead looking after and entertaining the younger ones, we have two little girls who are not only fiercely competitive but who are at times as lethally perverse as each other.

This was especially devastating when they were toddlers. There is nothing quite as *soul-destroying* as a double-headed tantrum in the supermarket, or children who run away from you in opposite directions. Even if you can keep an eye on both, who do you choose to recapture first — the one heading towards the road, or *the one about* to fling herself down the escalator?

The girls are rarely *ill together but* prefer to take to their beds in sequence.

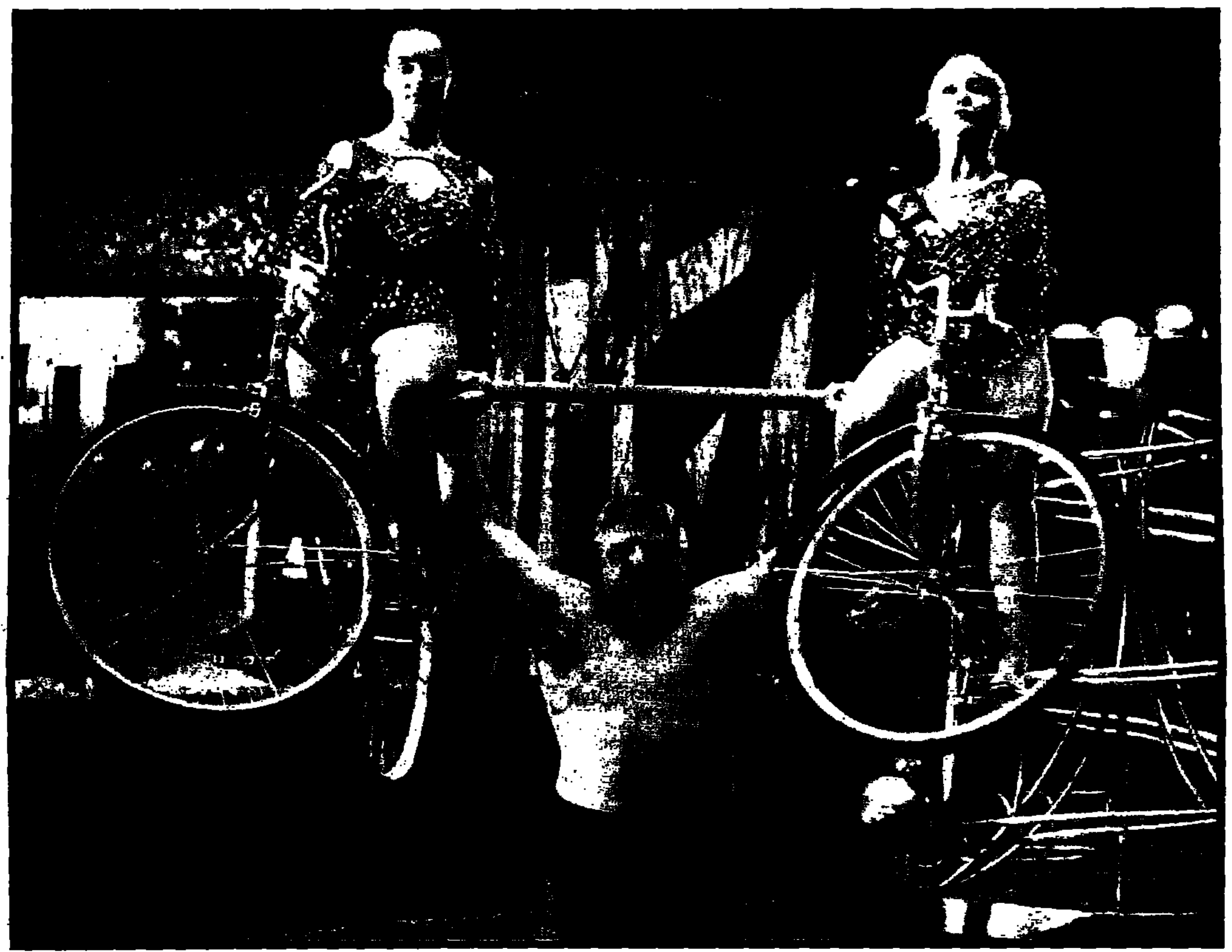
Our first experience of this phenomenon occurred just after they had started nursery. Clemmy was the first to catch chickenpox. On the *very day she returned to school after* a fortnight at home, Georgia was sent home with a fresh crop of spots.

Nor do I believe that our life will become easier now they are about to start primary school. Having your sister in the same class is tough, *especially for the one who isn't* as good at maths or gym. Once we get past that, I always have the prospect of a double dose of adolescence to look forward to.

The good times with twins may be twice as good, but the bad times can be infinitely more *difficult*. I love them desperately, but I would be the first to admit they have often pushed me to the very edge — and then just a bit beyond.

How a broken man became a giant

When Valentin Dikul broke his back, his story of astonishing courage was only just beginning, says **Thomas de Waal**



Heroic strength: one of Dikul's favourite acts is to lift up both his wife and daughter on two bicycles attached together by a pole

For a man who can lift cars and juggle 40kg weights, Valentin Dikul is charmingly mild and polite. In the hall of *his rehabilitation centre*, he gives an encouraging smile to a Moscow traffic policeman, still in his grey uniform and hovering nervously.

The policeman wants some advice for a relative. "Has he got a broken spine?" asks Dikul. "Ring me after the fifth and we'll see what we can do." This *new* case registered in his mind, he walks onto the next job in hand, swinging his arms, radiating energy.

Talking to Dikul you very quickly forget that he, too, used to be on the other side, one *of the non-walkers, con*fined to a wheelchair. He has a kindly and very Russian aura about him. With a bushy beard, flecked with grey and gold, and tousled grey neck-length *hair, he could be* a gentle giant from a folk tale. Russian village traditions are full of such people — wild-haired healers with legendary *strength from the steppes of* Siberia or the forests of the far north. He looks like a good Rasputin, although he would resent the comparison or any mention of faith-healing or superstition.

His accident happened in 1962, when he was a teenage circus trapeze artist. He grabbed hold of a trapeze and the bar broke in *his hand*. He fell 40ft, breaking ten bones and fracturing his spine. The doctors told him he would not walk again.

Confined to a wheelchair, he had plenty of time to think and for five years he turned himself into a guinea-pig, trying out different tests and exercises. *To the surprise of the* medical profession, it worked. After five years he took his first steps and two years later he was back to normal.

Dikul's *phenomenal* recovery and subsequent work at the centre *is the subject of a* Channel 4 *Short Stories* documentary next Wednesday. It is a recovery made all the more remarkable for happening in *the Soviet Union, a deeply* conservative country where the disabled were always discriminated against. Back then, says Dikul, there was simply *no belief that so much* time and money could be well spent. No one *had* really bothered to try before. Now attitudes have started to change. One symptom of that is that his centre is completely state-funded.

Dikul says: "Maybe I was too young and did not believe *that I would not* walk." Most of all, he was helped by the comradely atmosphere of the circus. Dikul was orphaned at the age of three and the circus was his adoptive family. "It is my life, my air, my *home, it is everything*. It is what I live for."

Now almost 50, he has a family of his own but all of three of them work in the *circus*. His wife Ludmilla is a circus performer and his 15-year-old daughter, Anna, who studied dance with the Bolshoi Ballet, is now practising walking the tightrope. One of Dikul's favourite acts is to lift up both his wife and daughter on two bicycles attached together by a pole and pedalling madly in mid-air.

Dikul was already mentally planning to go back to the circus as he recovered the use *of his* body, and before long he was doing acrobatic motorcycling. "The only thing was that I could not go back to acrobatics because no medical commission would give me permission to go back up there after an accident like that," he recalls. One of his most spec*tacular success stories*, however, did manage to do exactly that. The man was a fellow acrobat, who had broken his spine and was unable to walk *for 17 years* — but he was back on the high wire after four years' treatment.

Banned from the air, Dikul became a circus strongman — and here his story really does become the stuff of legend. For *he is now routinely referred to* as the strongest man in Russia and he performs the kind of *feats that make the only* averagely mighty quail. In one stunt he juggles a 40kg ball like a Christmas bauble and then lightly catches it on the *back of his neck. Best not to* think how close it is to falling on a once-broken spine. Another trick (although trick is not the right word, as there is no deception involved) involves him supporting a Volvo *estate car*, weighing *more* than 1.5 tons, on his back.

He has a very Russian aura — a kindly Rasputin

His fame in Russia is such that therapy at the Dikul Centre, set in the grounds of an old palace in north Moscow, is now a minor Russian industry. There are 124,000 applications for treatment *from 32 countries pending*. Those who come are the disabled and the paralysed, especially those with broken spines, and the success rate is *excellent. After intensive ther*apy, hundreds of people have got out of their wheelchairs and walked.

Dikul walks through the exercise room, a large airy hall of flat beds attached to chains *and contraptions of medieval* complication. The room is full of bodies *heaving*, swaying and pulling.

Irina Koneva, a 39-year-old computer programmer, broke her spine when rock-climbing in the Crimea and has come to the centre for five hours a day for the past *nine* months. Although technically paralysed from the waist down, she *said she could now walk with* the aid of sticks.

"I *still* can't feel my legs," she says, laughing. "Only a little at the top." She adds that the atmosphere was very inspiring, there is a feeling of common endeavour.

"We can't promise to lift everyone on to their feet, but there will be improvements with everyone," says Dikul. *There is no special secret to the* treatment, just the use of more than a *dozen* types of therapy, including endless exercising, massage, laser treatment and physiotherapy. That, plus a very labour-intensive number *of doctors and lots and lots of* time. The main criticism levelled against the centre is that it is too expensive to run. One gets the impression that Dikul *has* shamed the authorities into stumping up the money.

Preparing to go back to the circus for a new season in the autumn, he is proud of a new feat. A *seven-metre* high swing rotates with a huge ball on it. The ball *falls*, *Dikul* catches it on his neck, juggles *it* from hand to hand and then sets it down. The ball opens and a woman steps out.

Then he invites members of the audience to try to lift the *ball. Naturally it turns* out to be too heavy for all of them. *Before I went to the Dikul* Centre I had always wondered why Russia was called the *"land of miracles"*. Now I have an inkling.

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Guarding us against our government

Sue Cameron calls for a committee to oversee the constitution

Ruling Britannia is becoming an increasingly rickety business. Public disillusion with politicians of all parties; the scandals that have dulled Whitehall's golden reputation and the ease with which government avoids and evades Parliament's scrutiny have lent new urgency to the old question of who guards the guardians.

Those who have traditionally been the guardians of our unwritten constitution are no longer quite trusted with the task. Lord Justice Scott's inquiry into the exports to Iraq débâcle destroyed our faith in that classical ideal. It showed ministers and mandarins behaving badly. It left no doubt that top civil servants and their political masters can act with such ruthlessness in covering up incompetence and misconduct as to make the public wonder if they are suited to guarding anything except their own reputations.

Perhaps the time has come to borrow an idea used by the Government itself when it wanted to tame the vested interests of nationwide industrial monopolies. In the 1980s the Conservatives gave us Ofgas, Ofwat and Oftel, with power to control industries such as gas and water. What Britain needs now is the equivalent of these, an Ofcon or office of the constitution, manned by people with the integrity, clout and experience to police the government machine.

The need for Ofcon was broached by Dr Geoffrey Marshall, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford, at an Oxford Research Group seminar on the changes needed after the Scott report. Dr Marshall's suggestion was a metaphor for the gaps in our constitutional safeguards that Scott exposed.

While nobody is demanding that a bunch of bureaucratic regulators be appointed to superintend Britain's constitutional arrangements, the idea of having a group of people who could fulfil such a role on a more ad hoc basis has some merit. But where to find such people? They already exist. The new guardians of Britain's constitution should be chosen from the eminent individuals who form the Privy Council.

A Privy Counsellors committee could police the government

The current list of some 450 Privy Counsellors is heavy with senior politicians of all parties, many of whom have left the political front line of the Commons. The list also includes senior judges and a sprinkling — no more — of former top civil servants. A small-scale standing committee of Privy Counsellors could be set up to look into the kind of constitutional black spots that seem to be occurring more and more often.

Such a committee could include representatives of all the main parties, provided none of the individuals were actually in office. The aim would be to set up a group of experienced, high calibre people, remote now from the political fray, whose judgment on constitutional matters would command widespread respect. They would be of the government machine but no longer within it.

Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, who as Sir Robert Armstrong was Cabinet Secretary, reckons that such an idea could work precisely because it would involve practitioners in the art of government. "It could be useful in situations like that of the Labour Government in March 1974, when Harold Wilson had no overall majority," he says. "If Mr Wilson hadn't won the vote on the Loyal Address, there would have been a question as to whether he had the right to demand another election or whether he would have had to resign and give someone else a chance. He won the vote, so it didn't arise but that is the kind of issue that could be referred to a Privy Council committee."

A Privy Council committee on constitutional questions would fit smoothly into the existing British system without the furore that would be caused by attempts to introduce a written constitution, which is so alien to the British tradition.

There are already precedents for ad hoc Privy Council committees and standing ones. The committee that scrutinises honours lists is a Privy Council committee. The Franks committee, which reported on the Falklands War, was a Privy Council committee. Sir Patrick Nairne, a senior civil servant at the Ministry of Defence who later become Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security, was made a Privy Counsellor to enable him to sit on the Franks committee.

Lord Armstrong — who, amazingly, is not himself a Privy Counsellor — believes a constitutional committee could take an advisory role and make recommendations on issues referred to it. He is much less certain about a Privy Council committee taking the initiative and insisting on launching its own investigations.

"That," says Lord Armstrong with the restraint that is a hallmark of great mandarins, "might be more difficult for a Prime Minister to imagine. Having to remit upwards to Privy Counsellors is something a Prime Minister might not find plausible."

Dr Marshall says it would be "political science fiction" to suggest that governments would happily submit their actions to the scrutiny of a powerful arbitrator. He thinks that a Privy Council committee on constitutional questions might be acceptable on an advisory basis, but that deciding what to remit to it would be tricky. Yet with the Commons Public Service Committee flexing its muscles and demanding that a record be kept of ministers who refuse to answer to select committees, MPs could appeal to the Privy Council direct. Dr Marshall suggests that issues such as ministerial accountability — or the lack of it — could be referred to the Privy Council if a certain number of MPs demanded it.

Clearly, ministers would be wary of such a scheme no matter which party was in power. Governments guilty of misconduct, mismanagement or maladministration want the mess covered up, not subjected to impartial investigation. That is the problem. These days even the Leader of the Opposition seems determined not to be held accountable by members of his own party — a tendency that bodes ill for the conduct of government under any Labour administration.

Yet a Privy Council committee on constitutional issues might be useful even if it had only advisory powers. And it might quickly attain the kind of stature that would make it hard for governments to say no if it were to volunteer to look into matters which they would prefer to keep hidden. The standing of the law lords, former ministers and former top civil servants who would sit on it would also make it difficult for governments to plead national security or intelligence matters as reasons for refusing to co-operate. Above all, the very existence of a Privy Council committee ready to consider the conduct of any government would act as a deterrent to the shenanigans of overweening ministers.

Anatole Kaletsky argues that less of our money need be processed by officials, only to be given back

Cut taxes by the easiest method

I have a modest proposal for whichever party wins the next election. Both want to reduce public spending to below 40 per cent of national income. I can cut taxes and public spending at a stroke by £5 billion a year. Over time, I could reduce the State's role to an Asian-style 30 per cent of gross domestic product without hurting a single public service.

Let us start with a figure cited last week in a study published by the conservative sociologist Patricia Morgan on the madness of Britain's present system of child support. The Government spends £7 billion a year on paying child benefit. Until 1977, the Government paid no child benefits; instead, it gave parents tax allowances. Ms Morgan shows that nearly all parents are worse off with today's child benefits than the old tax allowances — and argues that average families have suffered big losses from Tory tax reforms. True, but there is an even more important point.

Today's child benefits add £7 billion to public spending and therefore to taxes; but the old tax allowances achieved the same ends by *reducing* taxes. If it is possible to achieve exactly the same social result either by cutting taxes and public spending or by raising them, the right choice seems self-evident: abolish child benefit and replace it with a tax credit. (The tax cut would be smaller than the full £7 billion, because payments would still have to be made to the small minority of parents who now pay less income tax than they get back in benefits, as well as to those who live off welfare.) Similar principles could be applied to other far bigger spending programmes: low-income housing, public transport and even state pensions could all be largely refinanced by converting cash outlays into tax allowances.

Yet in Britain today such painless surgery to the public finances is unthinkable. All respectable politicians agree that the State should recycle billions in child benefits, instead of leaving these same billions in parents' pockets. Why?

Forget the pious claims about defending the interests of women and children against feckless men. Arrangements to pay a tax credit directly to mothers instead of fathers would be no more costly than the present administration of child benefits. The real reason why politicians think that paying benefits is better than remitting taxes is that the Treasury says so.

Treasury dogma opposes all tax allowances. Its fiscal credo is that taxes should be "transparent" and "neutral". Neutrality means that taxes should not distort incentives: if one person wants to raise a child, while another prefers to raise a pony, the State should not discriminate between them, at least not through the tax system. Transparency requires the exact cost of child-support to be visible in the public accounts. On both these grounds, it is better for governments to subsidise children directly with cash benefits than by tax reliefs.

But wait. Is the Government really "subsidising" children if it allows their parents to keep more of the money they themselves have earned? The Treasury says "yes", and describes the few special allowances it has not yet extirpated from the British tax system as "tax expenditures". Consider what this implies. To justify the idea that a tax remisson is equivalent to a government subsidy means appealing to a doctrine favoured by King John before Magna Carta: the view that all of a nation's wealth ultimately belongs to the State. Whatever the subjects are allowed to keep is then a gift from the sovereign.

In any other political framework, the Treasury view is absurd. In psychological and political terms, there is a huge difference between letting parents pay less tax and giving them a state handout. Politicians used to understand this. Socialists wanted child benefits to foster in the middle class a sense of social solidarity and dependence on the State. Conservatives opposed them to encourage self-reliance.

Over the years, however, the political psychology of taxes and public spending has been reversed, though few politicians have noticed. Today, it is the socialists who must minimise the psychological burden of public spending, while the Tories try to exaggerate the size of the State. The surest way for Labour to win this argument would be by turning welfare transfers back into tax allowances. The prize for success would be huge.

By whittling away transfers and letting people keep more of their own money, a Labour government could make Britain feel less highly taxed. And with every reduction in the ratio of taxes and public spending to national income, there would be more hope of raising the funds to pay for improvements in the genuine public services which promote the sense of community the Tories have neglected: universal health and education, public safety, culture, scientific research.

As Nye Bevan once said, "Socialism is the language of priorities". Today the priorities for Labour should be clear: fewer benefit payments, lower taxes and a consequently greater willingness to spend on genuine public services.

Patricia Morgan's Are Families Affordable? *is published by the Centre for Policy Studies (£5.95).*

How we dished our values

Imperceptibly, disgracefully, we have lost our reverence for the unborn

Libby Purves

Thousands of frozen embryos are being destroyed; meanwhile a healthy woman of 28 has asked to have one healthy twin killed in her womb because she says she cannot cope with it. Each of these has provoked acres of breast-beating controversy. Yet nothing new has happened, nothing whatsoever. The difference between these events and those of every day is in presentation. Any moral shift which has taken place has done so by gradual attrition, over decades. There is an uncomfortable but irresistible parallel with the sudden public panic about intensive farming: nothing is new except that more people have noticed. Like a drunk waking up in a particularly sordid gutter, we have suddenly seen in a flash of clarity what the heedless years have brought us to.

Take the matter of the embryos, currently the subject of emotional coverage by media which have hitherto barely questioned in-vitro fertilisation. IVF is widely accepted as a miracle cure for sub-fertility; it administers to women what is regarded as the "right" to have a child. Yet anybody who has watched IVF scientists at work knows that every day they confront saucers full of fertilised eggs, select the best and dump the rest. Doctors also selectively reduce multiple IVF pregnancies. The current disposal just happens to be larger in scale.

Or take the case, exposed on Sunday, of a fit single mother, pregnant with twins and horrified at the prospect of looking after two new babies (any mother must briefly empathise with that). So (and here the empathy vanishes) she wants to have one killed. This is not illegal; the head of ethics at the BMA, Dr Vivienne Nathanson, points out that although it may cause "instinctive horror", it raises no new ethical issues. "It is exactly the same as any other abortion at 16 weeks."

She is right. Abortions are carried out for far more frivolous reasons every day. Pregnancies are terminated because of broken relationships, because of family pressures, because they have arisen from infidelity, because of career plans, even because of holidays. The option to terminate may be taken without serious counselling or opposition by any woman who is panicking or depressed. Abortion on demand is commonplace: the flip side of the "right" to have a child is the "right" not to bear one to term. The values of consumer choice are routinely applied to childbearing, and most of the time we seem happy to live with that historically unprecedented attitude. It is when the facts are suddenly dramatised for us — when we wake up in the gutter, as the old song goes, and the pig gets up and walks away — that we cringe at ourselves. The same happened over sales of donor eggs: for decades impoverished young men have taken money to do the necessary and give their sperm, leading to the routine raising of one man's genetic children by another. Many of the children are not even told. Public opinion was jolted only when women started doing what is morally exactly the same thing with their genetic material.

It is easy enough to see how we have got to this pitch: the main impetus has been not wickedness but sentimentality. The few religious voices which were raised in opposition to IVF were drowned by a chorus of cooing over baby Louise Brown. That oddly-composed body the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority has seemed to accept without question that the happiness of potential parents outweighs any mystical reverence for the processes of nature, or serious philosophical search for the moment when a human individual comes into being.

As for abortion, the 1967 Act was never intended to produce abortion on demand. I was 17 at the time, a cradle Catholic but a dissident one and an avid follower of women's issues. Perhaps the most useful thing I can do now is to trace, on behalf of a generation, the shifting attitude which led us to our present bleak pass.

The idea, as it was sold to us then, was to allow abortion if giving birth would endanger the physical or psychological health of the mother. The talk was of bewildered 13-year-olds, of rape or incest victims for whom the whole process of pregnancy would be a living nightmare; of depressed women with suicidal tendencies; of those who might die, or whose degenerative illnesses might be accelerated.

When did we start to see this as less than sacrosanct?

Most young women, even those of us who hated the idea, accepted such arguments. It was reinforced by the repulsive arrogance of many "pro-life" spokesmen, who spoke of young women as mere containers for the next generation (it may be hard for male readers to understand just how angry this makes us, but watch next time a husband snatches the glass of wine from his pregnant wife's hand). On the other hand, we were equally queasy at the feminist triumphalism when the Act was passed. Abortion, our secret female selves told us, was nothing to be triumphant about. Not ever.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that for a few years the requirement for there to be real psychological risk to the mother was taken seriously. Girls told of distressing interviews with tough doctors and psychiatrists. Later, there developed a network of "sympathetic" ones who would sign on demand. The better-off you were, the easier it became. Young men of sophistication knew the right number for a girl in trouble to ring; young men of means paid up gracefully. Down in the NHS, it was harder, for longer, to get an abortion on social grounds.

This was so obviously unfair that it gradually changed. After another decade, the custom and practice was that except in a few diehard health regions, any woman who asked for an abortion could get one. The provision on psychological damage proved an enormous loophole: after all in consumer society at large a conviction was growing that not getting what you want is dreadfully bad for you. Health service abortions still took a long time to arrange, and were the more distressing for it: this led to women's campaigns for promptness, which further distracted us from what we were actually doing. Moreover, sometimes even the earliest abortions left women in a worse psychological state than they had ever expected. Many, now middle-aged, still privately mark each year the day that would have been their first child's birthday.

In the climate created by ever easier abortion, it was unlikely that the "selective reductions" and discarding of fertilised eggs in the new IVF process would cause much open disquiet. Privately and individually, a lot of couples rejected this route because of an instinctive reverence for the mystery of the embryo and its link to the act of love. Many more quietly rejected the idea of donor sperm or eggs, out of an equally instinctive reverence for the idea of the natural family. One couple I know rejected artificial insemination by donor on those grounds, but later adopted a baby without qualms because they simply felt "more honest" that way. Others overcame reluctance and took the new artificial routes to parenthood simply because they had no other chance of it: ironically, many were people who would have happily adopted back in the days when abortion was illegal and babies were plentiful.

So a compassionate, embarrassed atmosphere of unwillingness to hurt anybody's feelings has led us to our present pass. For years it has been enormously difficult for liberal, kindly people to express qualms about the way we treat new life. The propaganda of "pro-life" organisations is loathsome; what good does it do to torment vulnerable women with horror pictures? Churchmen have either been fuzzily forgiving or patriarchally insulting. Moralists who would never lift a finger to help a single mother have thundered unhelpfully at women who abort because of their dread of that precarious state.

Only a few organisations have taken the fully Christian route, welcoming the unwillingly pregnant, offering praise and sympathy when they decide to go through with the birth, looking after them in the months of helplessness, enabling them either to care for their babies or give them for adoption and to bear the resulting grief. The majority of us blank out the truth about how cavalierly we treat the unborn, and how illogical it is to set an arbitrary date for the birth of the soul.

But it may be time we looked more steadily at it all. Otherwise the only sure thing is that the years to come will bring practices even more horrible, even more unnatural, than any we have seen yet.

Kiss and yell

THIS WEEK'S *Hello!* marks a sharp shift in the magazine's previously fawning attitude to the Princess of Wales. It contains an interview with Shirley Hewitt, the mother of James Hewitt, the man who kissed and told on the Princess. Yet only recently Eduardo Sánchez, the courtly Spaniard who owns the magazine, bought up a set of photographs of the Princess topless on holiday so that no one could publish them.

The Hewitt interview, however, has been published by *Hello!*'s Editor, Maggie Koumi, while Sánchez is on holiday on his Spanish farm. It would be surprising if Sánchez had been consulted. From his record, it is not likely he would approve. He is a man of traditional values for whom the likes of Hewitt rank low on the evolutionary scale. Maggie Koumi's office declined to comment on the interview or the state of play with Señor Sánchez.

It was James Hewitt's PR woman, Caroline Parr, who organised the interview, for which Mrs Hewitt is said to have received several thousand pounds. Both James Hewitt and Miss Parr were present throughout Mrs Hewitt's interview. Despite the marshmallowy content of most of the questioning, the Hewitt faction found the first journalist sent by *Hello!* to be unsympathetic, so another one was called for who duly completed the task.

"Her at 26 is phoning to report you"

THE TIMES DIARY

● *Simple initiative rather than a haemorrhage of investment may be the answer to Britain's Olympic problems if Steve Backley is anything to go by. The silver medallist in the javelin prepared for Atlanta's fetid humidity by keeping his central heating on full blast every night for months before the Games, even during the summer.*

Huff and puff

AMERICAN POLITICS is bracing itself for seismic waves this week with the publication of *Bare Knuckles and Backrooms: My Life in American Politics*, the memoirs of Ed Rollins, one of the toughest political strategists of the past three decades. One of his main targets is Arianna Huffington, the Greek-born writer turned American political wife, who has the sort of vertical thrust normally seen only on rockets and Turkish weightlifters.

Mrs Huffington, a former president of the Cambridge Union, is married to Michael Huffington, a blank space with very deep pockets who ran for the Senate in 1994. Rollins, who worked on the campaign, describes her as the most cunning person he has ever met, "scheming" and "ruthless".

He also describes a conversation in which Michael Huffington explains his reluctance to release his tax returns during the campaign — "Arianna will figure out how much I am worth and try to spend it all."

All's well

THESE are happy days in Bridlington, Yorkshire, where Nicholas Cunliffe-Lister, the former son-in-law of Viscount Whitelaw, has married his mistress. Before his divorce, Cunliffe-Lister lived with his wife on the estate of his brother, the Earl of Swinton.

He was then discovered by a tabloid paper to be playing mid-week hookie with one Pamela Sykes in a bungalow in Bridlington. Separation soon followed, and now C-L has made an honest woman of Miss Sykes by marrying her at Bridlington register office.

His ex-wife, Susan, meanwhile, spends much of her time at Burton Agnes Hall, the £10 million estate inherited by her son Simon at the age of 12. "We are just glad we are officially married," says Mrs Cunliffe-Lister II.

Don't tell Arianna

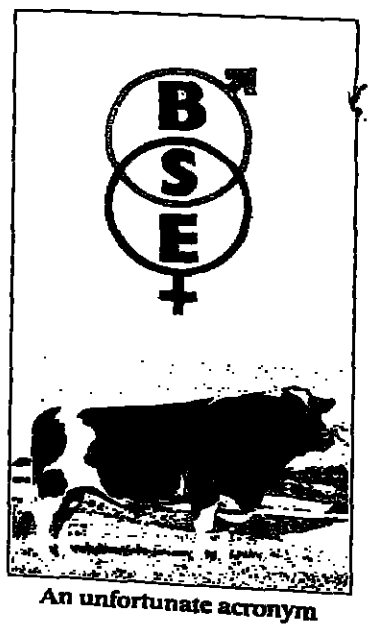
● *The European Union Youth Orchestra, concluding a three-week tour with a Prom at the Albert Hall on Saturday, left the dressing room knee-deep in facial fuzz. Male members of the orchestra had competed to grow the most effective goatee beard during the tour, only to shave them off in the interval — to the surprise of the promenaders.*

Bottom line

BEST AVOID Seaview on the Isle of Wight for the next few days. The Bottomleys are in town. Dragooned into endless Blytonesque japes by Matron Virginia, the sprawling clan is annually to be found posing awkwardly for the cameras as their leader does her best to jolly them all along.

Lunching at the Royal Yacht Squadron yesterday, the Secretary of State for National Heritage was without her husband, with whom she will sail tomorrow. Predictably enough, he was back at home rehearsing for his part in the family production of *HMS Pinafore*.

● *Fortune never favoured British Semen Exports Limited, a company set up some time ago as a subsidiary of Avoncroft. It did not last long, and for the past few years has lain dormant without ever being wound up. As David Matthews, the marketing manager of Avoncroft, puts it, "No one would use a company called BSE these days would they?"*



An unfortunate acronym

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LOSING OUT

The genuinely needy are the victims of benefit fraud

It is only with the greatest reluctance that the State should encourage its citizens to take an active interest in the private affairs of others. An aversion to informing the Government about one's neighbour's actions is more than a matter of schoolboy honour. It is a natural recognition that a free society is built on respect for autonomy and a reluctance to prejudge. However, the Department of Social Security's initiative to encourage the public to report suspected benefit fraud is not just a legitimate but a necessary exception. Benefit fraud is theft which hits the most vulnerable hardest. It is a crime which costs billions and should be reported with all the zeal any citizen might apply to a a burglar in his neighbour's home.

Some £6 billion of the swollen social security budget is believed to be consumed by criminal fraud each year. The Secretary of State, Peter Lilley, hopes a national telephone hotline will encourage anonymous callers to alert his department to fraudsters. The proposed hotline has already been piloted in Thameside, Tunbridge Wells, Hull, Blackburn and Burnley.

Respect for privacy may stay the hand of some callers but they should realise that they are the victims of every act of undetected fraud. Most frauds are carried out not by the needy squeezing the system but by organised criminals, many from abroad.

A culture of entitlement inculcated by years of welfare and encouraged by the Left has contributed to a morally confused approach towards benefit. Even now there is a reluctance among some on the Left to condemn benefit fraud as one might any straightforward theft. There is a persistent attitude that the State is an infinitely generous philanthropist which should not concern itself too greatly when sticky hands dip into its deep pockets.

Such moral laziness is apparent in the reaction of opposition politicians to the establishment of the hotline. It has been as depressing as it is confused. The Liberal Democrat spokesman Archy Kirkwood argued: "Fraud detection is taking far too high a degree of priority over entitlement to benefits." Is there any other instance where Mr Kirkwood would argue that detecting crime takes "too high a degree of priority"? Mr Kirkwood should realise that it is only by detecting, and stopping fraud, that the State can afford generous benefits.

Labour's Social Security spokesman Henry McLeish worries that "totally innocent people could be the victim of a visit by officials". Mr McLeish's reluctance to see the State tread too heavily might endear him to the libertarian Left but it is hardly the voice of New Labour, the taxpayers' friend. An inconvenient interview which the genuinely innocent need not fear is a small price to pay if it helps recover some of the billions stolen from those who dutifully pay their taxes.

Moreover, the evidence of pilot schemes shows that not only does rigorous scrutiny of callers ensure that very few innocent people are investigated. It suggests that many guilty who might otherwise escape detection can be apprehended. Five schemes received 13,000 calls and half of those supplied information that allowed suspect claims to be questioned.

The hotline will not, in itself, stop fraud. The work of the Social Security Select Committee, and its respected chairman, theLabour MP Frank Field, points to ever-more sophisticated subversion of the National Insurance system by increasingly resourceful criminals. It will require dedicated detective work to stop crime at that level. But the scale of the problem should be a spur to action, not a cause for despair. Every fraud halted by the hotline will ensure that more money is available to maintain a civilised level of provision for the poor and insure each citizen against life's vicissitudes.

CROATIAN ROULETTE

Handle Tudjman with an iron fist in an iron glove

President Tudjman has consistently outwitted European and United Nations negotiators. With his eye still set on the creation of a Greater Croatia, the former communist, turned nationalist, leader has never accepted the restrictions or the logic of the Dayton agreement he signed last year. He has refused to co-operate with war crimes investigators. He has flouted the election of a new Mayor of Zagreb. He has refused to allow Krajina Serb refugees back to their homes. Now he and his fellow Croats in Mostar seem intent on scuttling the elections in the divided Bosnian city, thus undermining next month's general elections in Bosnia and the democratic edifice on which the post-war settlement is supposed to be built.

America, whose long semi-detachment from the Bosnian imbroglio encouraged Mr Tudjman in the opportunist pursuit of his aims, has now acted with commendable firmness. President Clinton summoned him to Washington last week to warn him that international patience is running out. Unless the Mostar Croats accept the local election result and the plan to reunify the shattered city, international willingness to help the rebuilding of Bosnia will fade, along with the chances for peace.

Mr Tudjman has consistently maintained that he has no control over the Bosnian Croats. Mr Clinton and Sir Martin Garrod, the weary EU administrator in Mostar, know that this is a lie. From the outset, Mr Tudjman has encouraged local Croat opposition to the Croat-Muslim Federation. He has given the Bosnian Croats political, military and economic support, openly and covertly, and made them dependent on his largesse. Wherever possible, the Croat separatists in Bosnia have been encouraged to identify with Croatia, flying the state's flag, using its currency and even forming themselves into the Croatian Democratic Union — the same name as President Tudjman's own political party. He can decisively influence the Mostar Croats: either urging them to compromise with their Muslim neighbours or, as has been sadly apparent, stiffening their intransigence.

If, after numerous last chances and the extension of deadlines, the EU concludes that it has no further role in helping Mostar function as a city, the pullout will deal a mortal blow to next month's elections. Nationalist groups have little time for the democratic process; they are in no mood to respect any result that goes against their demagoguery. Without credible elections, a withdrawal of the Nato Peace Implementation Force will leave a power vacuum that, in Balkan tradition, will be filled by extremists of ill will. It was not for this that American negotiators cajoled the reluctant leaders to sign the Dayton accords.

President Tudjman has argued that, with the end of hostilities in former Yugoslavia, Croatia must now be fully accepted by its European neighbours. He is demanding aid, investment, generous EU association arrangements and the admission of Croatia to the Council of Europe. None of this would be justified if he continues, by proxy, to pursue his nationalist agenda in Bosnia. It was only in the nick of time that EU governments reversed a short-sighted decision to admit Croatia to the Council of Europe. Mr Tudjman is a hard man, who has the political instincts of an autocrat. He needs to be addressed in similar language.

KEEP THE LID ON

A policeman's lot is not a hatty one

The British Tourist Authority wants the Metropolitan Police to keep its helmets on. The bobby in Victorian uniform is one of the national symbols, as distinctive as Big Ben, Tower Bridge and the Queen Mother. Only tourists still refer to London policemen as bobbies. For according to the BTA, a tourist knows that this must be Britain as much by the quaint uniform of its policemen as by the mercenary squalor of Heathrow, the traffic jams and the exaggerated accents of the natives, especially as heard on television.

The BTA's opinion coincides with a national review of police uniform. In a fashionable exercise of consultation, policemen are being asked whether they want to retain their helmets as suitable headgear. Their opinions will be taken into account, as far as any such opinions count in any such a poll of human resources. No other police force wears such Ruritanian lids. Younger policemen feel antique in them, and policewomen are mercifully excused them. These are no longer the hats worn by glamorous heroes of television crime-busting series.

The British policeman's helmet was designed in 1863, when most of the senior police officers were former military men. Their helmets were modelled on the Prussian pickelhaube, though forces such as the City of London preferred a Trojan helmet with a ridge down the back. And provincial forces went in for even more exotic headdress such as kepis and shakos.

The advantage of the helmet is that its layers of rabbit-skin felt and cork protect the head from battery, though modern villains attack the police in nastier, more cowardly ways. And the protection given by a police helmet is a matter of dispute. The helmet, like the bearskin worn by the Guards, makes its wearer more formidable — or at least taller. And it distinguishes the official police from private security guards, who wear big flat hats because they have big flat heads. The Scottish police finally abandoned helmets for caps with diced hatband in the 1950s. This enabled wits to ask: "If you are a police officer, why are you wearing that black-and-white hatband?" To which the stock answer was: "*Just a routine check, sir*", before an adjournment to the police station.

The disadvantages of the helmet are that they are quaint, preserving the top-hatted glories of the Bow Street Runners. Helmets fall off, not only when grabbed as souvenirs by equally old-fashioned Eggs, Beans and Crumpets on Boat Race Night, but also by militant protestors at a modern demo. They are so ergonomically ill-designed that they have to be removed and replaced when getting into and out of a car.

Nevertheless, on this matter the tourists are right. Certain things are typical of London: red double-decker buses and telephone boxes, black taxi cabs and policemen in legionary helmets. They are efficient as well as peculiar. The tourists are right about them and the managerial modernisers are wrong. The policemen of England, if they are as conservative as they seem, will vote to keep their heads under their helmets.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Swords into ploughshares: views on the jury's verdict

From Mr John Tracy Kelly

Sir, I disagree with your leader of August 1, "Crimes of conscience", on the acquittal of members of the *Ploughshares group* charged with criminal damage to a Hawk fighter jet (report, July 31).

That the ladies in question were good, courageous Christians should not be allowed to obscure the fact that they also had a good defence in law and that the verdict was probably the only rational one which a jury could have reached.

By Section 9 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 "any murder or manslaughter whether within the Queen's dominions *or without* [my italics] . . . committed by any subject of Her Majesty . . . may be dealt with, inquired of, tried, determined and published . . . in England . . . ".

By Section 13 (1) of the Criminal Law Act 1967, "A person may use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances in the prevention of crime . . . ". Obviously the greater the crime being prevented, the more force is reasonable. Disabling or damaging a lifeless object must be more reasonable than, say, inflicting bodily harm on a person. When such a defence is raised the prosecution must disprove it beyond reasonable doubt.

Notwithstanding the recent non-decision of Sir Richard Scott (report, February 16, 1996), the Attorney-General should consider prosecuting English companies involved in the sales of arms or ancillary products, for counselling or procuring the offences of murder or manslaughter.

I read that injunctions have been obtained and served on the accused. One hopes that consideration was, or will be, given to the equitable principles of clean hands and doing equity — eg, by cross-undertakings from British Aerospace not to sell aircraft to anyone who might use them other than in self-defence, or in any case where there might be any chance of the company closing its eyes to the ultimate use of these weapons.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TRACY KELLY,
107 Ledbury Road, W11.
August 1.

From Mr Richard Evans

Sir, I was surprised and delighted at *the not-guilty verdict on the four* women who smashed up a Hawk jet fighter plane in the interests of preventing the greater crime of genocide in East Timor.

Could this principle be applied in other areas? For instance, I strongly believe that there are too many cars on the roads these days, and that they are killing innocents through deaths on the road and pollution.

In the interests of stemming the flood of new cars that has added to road danger and pollution levels since August 1, could I, with impunity, have got into the Ford factory at Dagenham with a hammer and wreaked my worst?

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD EVANS (Co-ordinator,
Merton Cycling Campaign),
29 Somerset Avenue, SW20.
August 5.

From Mr Ronald Forrest

Sir, If a Liverpool jury can find three women not guilty of causing criminal damage simply because they pleaded political motives there must be serious doubts about the jury system as it is at present constituted. Although jury *cases do not set legal precedents*, the decision to acquit these women will encourage others to carry out acts of vandalism and even terrorism. I had believed *one of the aims of the law* was to discourage such activities.

The outcome of this case is the inevitable result of abandoning any selection of jurors on the basis of suitability, and of assuming that any citizen, no matter how ignorant and irresponsible, can undertake this role. It highlights the need for reform of the jury system before it falls into total disrepute.

Yours faithfully,
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July 31.

From Mrs D. M. Forbes

Sir, Sincere idealists like the Ploughshares women would have less cause *to express themselves* by extreme measures if they received more regular coverage by the media. The Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT), for example, has been using "sound *arguments and good organisation*" as a means to influence public opinion for many years, with painfully little result and scant media coverage.

Most of the public are unaware of the Government's complicity in the genocide in East Timor. I frequently meet people who are astounded to learn of the extent to which the Government subsidises the arms *trade or what a high proportion of* credit it takes up.

The message put over by this case is that one highly risky and courageous action is worth years of campaigning.

The remedy lies in your hands. Give us a fairer deal in presenting our views to the public, and thus bringing pressure to bear on the Government, and there may be less need for *extreme measures*.

Yours sincerely,
DOROTHY FORBES
(Member, CAAT),
59 Wheelers Lane,
Kings Heath, Birmingham 13.
August 5.

From Mr Rupert Ridge

Sir, I am politically against paying income tax. I am deeply committed.

May I burn down the offices of my Inspector of Taxes? I fear he may be about to send me a tax demand.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT RIDGE,
Brockley Elm House,
Brockley, Backwell,
North Somerset.
August 1.

East Timor victims

*From the Director of
Amnesty International UK*

Sir, In your leading article of August 1, "Crimes of conscience", you cite *Amnesty International's estimate* of the number of East Timorese killed by the Indonesian Government since 1975 as 200,000. This figure does not relate only to East Timorese killed by *the security forces*; it also includes those who have died of starvation or disease since Indonesia invaded in 1975. It represents a third of the population of East Timor.

This clarification does not detract, of course, from the depressing human rights situation in Indonesia as a whole: there have been human rights violations on a staggering scale since 1965 *in which thousands of citizens* have been killed, political and criminal prisoners have been routinely tortured, and thousands of people have been imprisoned following show trials, solely for their peaceful political or religious views.

The violations are continuing and unless concerted domestic and international pressure is applied on Jakarta, there can be little prospect of real improvement.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BULL,
Director,
Amnesty International UK,
99-119 Rosebery Avenue, EC1.
August 1.

The sound and the fury

From Dr William M. Foreman

Sir, In my retirement I am a projectionist at a very well equipped independent cinema on the coast of Suffolk. In the past 13 years I can only *recall one occasion* when a film distributor has suggested that we should use a particular sound volume for a particular film (letter, July 29).

Every cinema, of course, has its volume control knob. *One of its uses is* to adjust the level according to the size and age group of the audience. A "full house" requires a higher setting than a nearly empty one because people absorb much more sound than empty seats do, and more mature audiences do not tolerate the loud, impressive sounds that many much younger people seem to enjoy.

When we first open any programme we go down and listen with the audience and then adjust the volume to a level that we judge to be acceptable to the majority.

We have to try to set our volume high enough to make speech easily intelligible but at the same time not so high that everybody is deafened by all the other sound effects. It is not always easy.

Yours sincerely,
BILL FOREMAN,
110 High Street,
Wickham Market,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.
August 1.

Have no fear

*From Lieutenant-Commander
H. F. Norman, RN (retd)*

Sir, I hasten to assure Mr Roger Cookson (letter, July 23; see also letters, July 25, 27) that his dentist's waiting room is by no means alone in having a Bible *available for patients*.

It is a part of the ministry of the "Gideons International" in this country to place, where possible, Bibles in the waiting rooms of both doctors and dentists.

In the south east Hampshire area, at least three such waiting rooms have Bibles, placed with the permission of the practitioners.

Yours sincerely,
H. F. NORMAN,
81 The Brow,
Widley, Waterlooville, Hampshire.
August 2.

From Mr Michael Austin

Sir, I keep a copy of *Antique Dental Instruments* in my waiting room and emergency oxygen in the surgery.

Yours reassuringly,
MICHAEL AUSTIN
(Dental practitioner),
The Pantiles,
Shirley Drive, Hove, East Sussex.
August 2.

Civil Service recruiting

From Lord Taylor of Gryfe

Sir, On July 25, the last day of the parliamentary session, a matter of considerable constitutional importance was discussed in the House of Lords. Unfortunately it was not widely reported. It concerned the decision of the Government to privatise the Recruitment and Assessment Service (RAS) of the Civil Service.

Our Civil Service is the envy of many countries with its reputation for independence and integrity, qualities *which are fundamental to the functioning* of a democratic society. The RAS has played an important role in recruiting good people to work in the service of the State, and is profitable *and efficient*.

In March, Earl Howe, speaking for the Government, told the Lords: "The RAS has a well established reputation as a centre of excellence."

In a subsequent debate the House of Lords called on the Government to abandon the privatisation scheme, voting 124 to 64 against the policy. An all-party select committee under the chairmanship of Lord Justice Slynn of Hadley *was then appointed* to hear and examine evidence. This was almost overwhelmingly opposed to RAS privatisation, and the committee reported unanimously that the Government *case had not been made*.

Giving evidence to the committee, Mr Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, could only justify his proposal by saying that privatisation *was a principle of his party's philosophy*. The Government made clear on July 25 that it would ignore the views of the Lords.

This has important implications for the future of Civil Service recruitment since it will now be handled by an outside body concerned with profit for its shareholders and will lose its public service ethos.

The *decision* also makes clear that in pursuit of party dogma the Government has shown contempt for the House of Lords and its important role as a revising chamber.

Sincerely,
TAYLOR of GRYFE,
House of Lords.
August 1.

Tube strike

From Mr Hans-Hubert Schönzeler

Sir, Your leading article "Down the Tube" (July 29) reminded me of a news item which I read fifty years ago. There was *a transport strike in* Tokyo and the Japanese workers sorted things out very simply: they continued to run the service normally, so as not to inconvenience the general public, *but they refused to collect any* fares.

Yours faithfully,
HANS-HUBERT SCHÖNZELER,
Savage Club,
Whitehall Place, SW1.
July 29.

Adjournment in Ulster

From Sir Kenneth Corley

Sir, So those petty politicians of Northern Ireland who have accepted the task of constructing a formula to bring peace to the Province have reached an unanimous decision. It is to go away on holiday for six weeks (report, *July 30*). *While Londonderry* burns, perhaps?

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH CORLEY,
4 Abbey Farm,
St Bees, Cumbria.
July 31.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Pension debt

From the President of the Union of Independent Companies

Sir, Although Mr Norris McWhirter (letter, July 31) may believe that there *are unhealthy high levels* of "unfunded" pension debt in the EU, he does not complete the picture. Some of us believe that "funding", as in the UK, is a dubious operation.

The UK may congratulate itself that its debt level is lower, but at what cost! The typical medium-sized manufacturer is forced to "fund" a pension fund, thus draining cash from the business. These "funds" are the vital source of capital for institutional fund managers, enabling them to exercise their august power in the UK stockmarket — the root cause of short-termism which has so failed the UK economy.

If the *British manufacturer* was allowed to retain these same funds and pay its people pension liabilities from the cash flow of its own business, the long-term investment problem in the UK would not exist. Priority and protection of the employees' pensions *should* be secured legally by insurance, as in Germany.

Present Government policy has been influenced by the City's vested interests, to give even greater power to *these institutions*. We should change our policies and benefit industry, rather than *vice versa*, as Mr McWhirter advocates.

Yours faithfully,
W. G. POETON,
President,
Union of Independent Companies,
17 Gillingham Street, SW1.
August 1.

Post mortem on Atlanta failings

From Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith

Sir, Whilst I share the disappointment expressed by so many in our achievements at the Olympic Games in Atlanta (leading article, August 5), I am concerned at the reasons being given in the press and the laying of blame with the Government.

It is a fact of life that our Olympic sportsmen and women compete at a disadvantage since many countries allocate far greater resources to the training of their elite competitors. Having said that, the very considerable cost of sending our athletes and *the all-important support staff* to, and accommodating them at, their training camps and the Games was met by a sponsorship programme and a national appeal to industry and the general *public*.

In due course there will doubtless be a post mortem. I suspect that one of the factors will be the running down of sports activity in schools. Whatever the *outcome* of that debate, it should be understood that it is not due to lack of funding for our presence at the Games themselves.

Yours faithfully,
G. MAITLAND SMITH (Chairman,
1996 British Olympic Appeal),
100 Park Lane, W1.
August 5.

From Mrs Doreen Davie

Sir, As a doting grandparent, I have attended many sports days in various schools over the last two decades, and have seen *all competitive spirit* knocked out of our children. No child was allowed to win or lose a race, and sports days are often no more than a pointless charade. Throwing money at the problem now will do little to restore the thrill of competition or the will to win.

Yours faithfully,
DOREEN DAVIE,
Omega Cottage,
High Street, Silverton, Exeter.
August 4.

From Dr John E. Cordwell

Sir, Your report today that had the Soviet Union still existed it would have topped the table with 114 gold, silver and bronze medals pales into insignificance against the tally for the EU if it had entered as a single country — 218 by my reckoning.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN CORDWELL,
Greenlea, Haw Street,
Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire.
August 5.

From Professor J. N. Murrell

Sir, *Instead of spending £100 million* or so of our lottery money on sports facilities, would it not be better value for money to buy in a few more foreign sports people: another Canadian or South African tennis star, for example. Can we not find someone to marry a Russian gymnast or hurdler?

I am, of course, just using the same argument as is used against spending more on basic science and engineering, ie, it is cheaper to buy it in at a later stage from those countries foolish enough to spend their money that way.

Yours etc,
JOHN MURRELL (Dean),
The School of Chemistry,
Physics and Environmental Science,
University of Sussex,
Falmer, Brighton, East Sussex.
August 5.

Olympic hurdles

From Mr Ian Harragan

Sir, Mr Alwyn James (letter, August 1) should be careful, when talking to his *Martian friends, not to confuse high* hurdling with show jumping. Look at it in terms of the object being to beat one's competitors to a line 110 metres away, encountering ten obstacles on the way, *and it begins to make sense*.

Personally, I think that going *through* the damn things rather than over them only serves to increase the difficulty of the task.

Yours faithfully,
IAN HARRAGAN,
56a Gibson Square, Islington, N1.
August 1.

Healthy living

From Mr F. M. Pert

Sir, "Sardines . . . ought to be available only on prescription" (report, August 2). Please do not encourage a cash-strapped Government to charge me £5.50 for a favourite 33p snack.

On the other hand I would actively encourage the researchers to find *similar medicinal qualities in smoked* salmon or caviare.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK PERT,
Brook House,
3 Craig Walk, Windermere, Cumbria.
August 2.

From Mr Robert Twyford

Sir, Is the energy I am using to write to you generated by excess vitamin B12 in the sardines I had for lunch, or by an allergic reaction to the recent outbreak of nonsense on this subject?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT TWYFORD,
Linden Lea,
Tuesley Lane, Godalming, Surrey.
August 2.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 5: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening attended the Ocean Youth Club's Reception at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Cowes, Isle of Wight.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 5: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon attended a Council Meeting on board *HMY Britannia*, Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines
COMMODORE: J T Tamblyn - MOD London, 24.1.97.
CAPTAIN: P M Cheesman - DGTS/POB Bristol, 15.7.96; D G Snelson - Liverpool, 18.12.96.
COMMANDER: K I M Clark - Dryad MWC, 18.3.97; G T Costello - exchange Australia, 13.12.96; R D Coupe - Sultan, 17.1.97; P D Crabtree - Invincible, 18.11.96; E Fraser - Dryad MWC, 20.12.96; R A Goddard - Lisbon, 31.10.96; D J Lye - Devonport, 6.12.96; A J K Nicoll - SHAPE Belgium, 22.4.97; A K Ross - exchange USA, 20.9.96.
MAJOR: M J D Noble - 45CDO RM, 28.3.97.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry in July 1996. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters CChem FRSC:

E H Billett, K Dixon, C M Dobson, G M Eccleston, P D Faint, C B Faust, T Kiss, D R Merrifield, J L Mokrosz, C J Rhodes, M G Rolph, D Samuel, G Singh, J Smart, J M Sykes, M B Turrell, P Vadgama, R J Wailing, I R Williams.

Lord-Lieutenant of Inverness

Lord Gray of Contin to be Lord-Lieutenant of Inverness in succession to the late Lieutenant Commander Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury 1559-75, Norwich, 1504; François de Salignac de la Mothe-Fénelon, theologian, Périgord, France, 1651; Alfred Tennyson, 1st Baron Tennyson, Poet Laureate 1850-92, Somersby, Lincolnshire, 1809; Rolf Boldrewood (Thomas Alexander Browne), writer, London, 1826; Paul Claudel, poet, dramatist and diplomat, Villeneuve-sur-Fère, 1868; Sir Alexander Fleming, bacteriologist and discoverer of penicillin, Nobel laureate 1945, Darvel, Strathclyde, 1881; William Slim, 1st Viscount Slim, field marshal, Governor-General of Australia 1953-60, Bristol, 1891.

DEATHS: St Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order of Friars, Bologna, 1221; Anne Hathaway, wife of William Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon, 1623; Ben Jonson, dramatist, London, 1637; Diego Velázquez, painter, Madrid, 1660; David Allan, painter, Edinburgh, 1796; Sir Cedric Hardwicke, actor, New York, 1964; Fulgencio Batista y Zaldivar, dictator of Cuba 1933-49 and 1952-59, Spain, 1973; Giovanni Batista Montini, Pope Paul VI 1963-78, Castelgandolfo, 1978; Marino Marini, sculptor, Viareggio, Italy, 1980.

The dissolution of the Holy Roman Empire, 1806.

The Savoy Hotel opened, 1889.

The electric chair was used for the first time to execute the murderer William Kemmler in New York, 1890.

An atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima by the Americans, 1945.

Today's birthdays

The Countess of Albemarle, 87; Sir Chris Bonington, mountaineer, 62; Mr Billy Boston, rugby league player, 62; Mr Richard Buckle, writer and exhibition designer, 80; Mr Alastair Creamer, Dean, London College of Music and Media, 37; Mr Ron Davies, MP, 50; Mr Michael Deeley, film producer, 64; Mr J.H. Emlyn Jones, former president, Alpine Club, 81; Mr Bill Emmott, Editor, *The Economist*, 40; Colonel J. Ellis Evans, former Lord-Lieutenant of Clwyd, 86; Mr John Evans, Chief Constable, Devon and Cornwall, 53; Mr Frank Finlay, actor, 70; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Ford, 73; Dame Monica Golding, former Colonel Commandant, QARANC, 94; Sir Howard Hodgkin, painter, 64; Sir Freddie Laker, creator, Skytrain Air Passenger Service, 74; Mr James Lees-Milne, architectural historian, 88; Sir Donald McCallum, engineer, 74; the Rev Dr Robert McCrea, MP, 48; Air Vice-Marshal T.C. Macdonald, 87; Sir David Madel, MP, 58; Mr Dom Mintoff, former Prime Minister of Malta, 80; Mr Robert Mitchum, actor, 79.

Mr David O'Brien, racehorse trainer, 40; Sir Duncan Oppenheim, former president, British American Tobacco Company, 92; Mr Jack Parnell, drummer, 73; Judge Valerie Pearlman, 60; Mr Derek Prag, former MEP, 73; Mr John Reid, jockey, 41; Lord Swaythling, 68; the Marquess of Tweeddale, 49; Miss Barbara Windsor, actress, 59.

Memorial service for Simon Cadell

A memorial service for Mr Simon Cadell was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated, assisted by the Rev John Robson.

Miss Selina Cadell, sister, Mr Peter Howell, Mr Tim Pigott-Smith, Mr John Wells, Mr Donald Sinden and Miss Joanna Lumley gave readings. Mr Gyles Brandreth, MP, gave an address.

Miss Patricia Hodge with Mr Jonathan Cohen sang *If Love were all* and Miss Su Pollard sang *Look for the Silver Lining*. Mr Stephen Barlow also took part. Among others present were:

Mrs Gillian Cadell (mother), Mrs Rebecca Cadell (widow), Patrick and Alec Cadell (sons), Mr Patrick Cadell (brother), Mr and Mrs David Croft (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Mr John Croft, Mr Richard Croft and Mr Tim Croft (brothers-in-law), Mr and Mrs Nick Croft, Mr and Mrs John Sims and Mr Peter Farago and Miss Penny Croft (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Edwin Thomas, Oliver Farago, Charlotte Sims, Elisabeth Sims, Johnny Sims, Mr Ian Cadell, Mr Christopher Cadell and other members of the family.

Mrs Jean Flower, Mrs Donald Sinden, Mrs Gyles Brandreth, Aphra Brandreth, Mrs Tim Pigott-Smith, Mrs Delia Sinden, Miss Kezia Sinden, Mr and Mrs John Gale, Mrs Jane Cadell, Mr Michael Williams, Mr Jeffrey Holland, Miss Nikki Kelly, Mr Barry Howard, Miss Diane Holland, Mr John Jackson and Miss Ruth Madoc, Mr and Mrs Ian Lavender, Mr Jimmy Perry, Miss Angela Pleasence, Mr John Tydeman, Miss Jane How, Miss Christina Shepherd, Mr Stuart Nourse, Mr Julian Spear and Miss Carol Royle, Miss Marcia Warren, Miss Polly Adams, Mrs B Henson, Mr David Rose, Mr Charles Garland, Mr Moray Watson, Mr Bill Kenwright, Mr Michael Gambon, Mr John Bird, Mr S Kershaw.

Mr Sheridan Morley, Mr John Tydeman, Miss Gillian Diamond, Miss Marian Diamond, Mr and Mrs Alan Strachan, Mr Michael Coveney, Miss Dorothy Stratton, Miss Angharad Rees, Mr Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Miss Catherine Rabett, Dr and Mrs R Moffatt, Mr Nick Angell, Mr Brian Glenville, Mr Robert Mitchell, Mr Brian Mitchell, Mr Christopher Good, Mrs Cheryl Mitchell, Mr Michael Tyrrell, Mr and Mrs Tim Slack, Mrs Alexis Morley, Mr J Shier, Mr Peter Lord, Ms Carole Ashby, Ms Alison Worth, Mr and Mrs P Nias, Mrs M Baker-Munton, Ms Carole Morris, Major Lance Brett, Mr Peter Howell, Mrs Jo Howell.

Mr and Mrs Adrian Lawson, Miss Heather Gordon, Ms Jane Wymark, Mrs Veronica Hodges, Mr Peter Oliver, Mr Raymond Plowman, Mr Derek Gibney, Mr Walter Jocell, Mr Simon Moore, Miss Cynthia Byam-Cook, Mr David Byam-Cook, Mr Charles Byam-Cook, Mr Mark Pawsey, Mr M Arbeid, Ms Alison Griffin, Mr Bill Gaunt, Miss Sue Hodge, Mr and Mrs David Berridge, Mr Trevor Hughes, Mr Chris Gee, Mr and Mrs Malcolm Godwin, Mr Philip Joseph, Mr Richard Durden, Mr Mark Furness, Ms Sue Hyman, Dr Martin Scurr, Mr Bob Stafford.

Ms Caroline Renton, Mr Bob Stafford, Mr George Dawson, Mr Billy Jay, Mr Max Sammett, Mrs Celia Jennings, Mrs Louise Smaile, Mr and Mrs John Kentish, Mrs Harvey White, Mr Richard A Batten, Miss M Fritsche, Mr Struan Rodger, Ms Amanda Royle, Mr Giles Havergal, Mr and Mrs Mike Carwell, Mr Richard Gibson, Ms Rosalind March, Mr Bryn Thomas, Mr Gareth Thomas, Ms Briony Glasgow, Mr and Mrs Tony Hayes, Mr Douglas Livingstone, Mr and Mrs John Phillips, Mr Tom Hewlett, Ms Carole Morris, Mr and Mrs Elan Caws, Mr Peter Shephard, Mr Francis Burrow.

Mr Ben Aris (director, The Royal Theatrical Fund) and Mrs Roslyn Oliver (secretary), Mr Charles Vance (vice-chairman, Theatres Advisory Council), Mr Albert Critoph (British Music Hall Society), Mr Robin Barter (Concert Artistes' Association), Mr Rodney West (Bristol Old Vic Theatre School), Mrs Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Collection) and Mr Julian Lipson (Macfarlane's).

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Simon Cadell's widow Rebecca and their sons, Alec aged 8, and Patrick, 10

Among those paying tribute was Su Pollard, and Ruth Madoc, another *Hi-De-Hi* regular, with Donald Sinden

University news

Oxford

Honour School of Jurisprudence: Prizes, Trinity Term, 1996

Martin Wronker Prize — for the best overall performance: Simon C. Birt, Brasenose College
Proxime accessit: Andrea L. McClung, Lincoln College

Prizes from the Martin Wronker Fund — for the best performance in the following papers:

Jurisprudence: Joe-Hynn Yang, Brasenose College

Tort: Paul G. Lewis, St Anne's College; Jacob T. Cameron, Worcester College

Land Law: Kathryn A. Farthing, Hertford College

Trusts: Kelyn M. Bacon, Merton College

Administrative Law: Kathryn A. Farthing, Hertford College; Sonia R. Harris, Christ Church; Dinusha N. Paditaratne, Balliol College

Prizes from law firms:

Slaughter and May Prize — for the best performance in Contract: Arun K. Birla, Keble College

Richards Butler Prize — for the best performance in International Trade:
Brian Webb, Hertford College

Norton Rose Prize — for the best performance in Company Law:
Nathan Pillow, Magdalen College

Field Fisher Waterhouse Prize — for the best performance in EC Law:
Kelyn M. Bacon, Merton College

Prizes in Bachelor of Civil Law/Magister Juris in European and Comparative Law

The following prizes have been awarded as a result of the examination for the degrees of Bachelor of Civil Law and Magister Juris in European and Comparative Law:

The Vinerian Scholarship 1996
The Scholarship has been awarded to Jeremy K. Kirk, Magdalen College.

The Rupert Cross Prize 1996
The prize for the best performance in the paper in Evidence has been awarded to Tshun H. Tey, St Hugh's College.

The John Morris Prize 1996
The prize for best performance in the paper in the Conflict of Laws has been awarded to Bernard T. Porter, Jesus College.

The Herbert Hart Prize 1996
The prize for best performance in the paper in Jurisprudence and Political Theory has been awarded to Hanoch Sheunman, Lincoln College.

The Clifford Chance Prize 1996
The prize for the best performance in the Magister Juris has been awarded to Marnix A. Leijten, Magdalen College.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.R. Barton
and Mrs J.M. Simson
The engagement is announced between Mr Raymond Barton, of Old Harlow, Essex, and Mrs Janet Simson, of Fulham, SW6. The marriage will take place on December 7, 1996.

Mr K-A.B. Jorgensen
and Miss M. Playfair
The marriage of Kjell-Arne, son of Mrs S. Jorgensen and the late Professor Jorgensen, of Oslo, and Miranda, daughter of Professor and Mrs J.H.L. Playfair, of London, will take place at Chelsea Old Town Hall on Thursday, August 29, at 3pm, and at Blythburgh Church, Suffolk on Saturday, August 31, at 3pm.

Marriages

The Hon O.W. Montagu
and Miss L.A. Roundell
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 3, at St Mary's, Acton, between the Hon Orlando Montagu, son of the Earl and Countess of Sandwich, and Miss Laura Roundell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Roundell.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Georgina Mounsey, Miss Romany Hamilton, Miss Donna Richards and Lady Jemima Montagu. Viscount Hinchingbrooke and the Hon Nathaniel Rothschild were best men.

The reception was held at the home of the bride, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr C.N. Baxter
and Miss C.M. Ashbee
The marriage took place on August 2, at Downing College, Cambridge, of Mr Craig Norman Baxter, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Robert Baxter, of Lynsted, Kent, and Miss Catherine Mary Ashbee, daughter of Dr and Mrs Andrew Ashbee, of Snodland, Kent.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Angela Murphy. Mr Russell Baxter, brother of the groom, was best man.

Mr E.F. Gordon Clark
and Miss F.D.J. Crosthwaite
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 27, at St Breoke Parish Church, Cornwall, of Mr Edmund Gordon Clark, second son of Mr and Mrs Francis Gordon Clark, of Lasham, Hampshire, and Miss Flora Crosthwaite, only daughter of Mr Charles Crosthwaite, of Callington, Cornwall, and Mrs Michael Madden, of Withiel, Cornwall.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Rebecca Deacon, Emily and Hugo Barttelot, Rose Crosthwaite, Xavier Gordon Clark, Camilla and Algernon Trotter. Mr Thomas Stopford-Sackville was best man.

A reception was held at Prideaux Place and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Council archaeologists get a united voice

THE image of the archaeologist as gung-ho excavator, or fusty professor, is an enduring cliché of cartoons and films; but the archaeologist as administrator is an unfamiliar role, to the public at least (Norman Hammond writes). Algao, the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers, has been formed to dispel that ignorance.

"This marks the beginning of a new era in British archaeology: it sees the birth of a new organisation," says Algao. The body parallels at professional level the planned local government association which will represent all local authorities in England and Wales from April 1997.

Membership in Algao will consist of the senior professional archaeologists in shire counties and their historic towns, London and other boroughs, the remaining metropolitan authorities, and National Parks. Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man will also be represented. The body aims to act as a voice for archaeology in local government and to promote professional standards and public understanding.

"Managing the archaeological resource is now an established part of local authority environmental work," said Bob Croft, Somerset county archaeologist and Algao's first chairman.

Indiana Jones would not be admitted to Algao; but these chief executives of our collective past will, in spite of their lower public profile, probably do more good for archaeology and for its public image.

Church appointments

The Rev Charles Knowles, Vicar, St Mary Magdalen, Hearsell Lane, Coventry: to be also Area Dean of Coventry South.

The Rev Margaret Paskett, Archbishop's Adviser in Women's Ministries and part-time Assistant Curate, Marske-in-Cleveland: to be Priest-in-charge, Hemingbrough, and Training Officer in the York Archdeaconry.

The Rev Lawrence Pizzey, Priest-in-charge, St Gregory, Sudbury: to be also Rural Dean of Sudbury (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Ronald Rogers, Priest-in-charge, St Saviour's, Pimlico (London): to be Chaplain, St John's, Izmir, and St Mary Magdalene's, Bornova, Turkey (Europe).

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Uphold the cause of the weak and fatherless, and see right done to the afflicted and destitute. Rescue the weak and needy and save them from the clutches of the wicked.
Psalm 82 : 3, 4 (REB)

BIRTHS

AL-KHALIFA - On July 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Esra and Talal, a handsome son, Hamad.

AL-NAJRAN - On July 31st at The Portland Hospital, to Khalid and Mashail, a beautiful daughter, Shahed, a niece for Nouf and Haya.

BARBOUR - On July 24th, to Janet (née Ullyott) and Mark, a daughter, Joely Eleanor.

BILLS - On 29th July 1996 in Singapore, to Sarah (née Millington Norton) and John, a daughter, a sister for Harry.

BLOWS - On July 16th, to Juliet (née Gladstone) and Simon, a daughter, Sarah Madeleine Victoria, a sister for Daniel, Michael and Peter.

BOWSKILL - On 2nd August 1996, to Penny (née Manning) and Richard, a wonderful son, Jack Michael.

BROOKS - On 1st August 1996, to Karen (née McNulty) and Anthony, a daughter, Tamsin Helena Ratcliffe.

CONSTANT - Patrick Arthur Meyricke, on 31st July in Pau, France; to Rory and Minette.

EMMET - On 3rd August, to Francesca (née Snow) and Robert, a daughter, Cosima Maria, a sister for Jules and Marcus.

GARDNER - On 26th July, to Camilla (née Edwards) and Tim, a son, Harry Benjamin, a brother for Freddie.

GOODWIN - To Simon and Sue (née Burgh), on 24th July, a daughter, Bethany Rachel. Granddaughter of Jean and Frank Goodwin and Muriel and the late Bob Burgh.

HODSON - On July 31st 1996, to Fiona (née Johnson-Ferguson) and James, a son, George Patrick.

HUNT - On July 30th, to Rebecca (née Duke) and Justin, a daughter, Abigail Courtney Duke.

KALAFATIDES - On July 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Anthi-Elizabeth and Alex, a wonderful boy, Nicholas-Savvas.

NEALE - On Friday 2nd August 1996, to Janet (née Fleming) and Tony, a son, Archibald (Archie) Sutherland George, a brother for Daisy.

POPOW - Valerie Ambre Ketty at The Portland Hospital on 29th July a second star was born to her delighted parents Ketty and Stanislas and her sister Albée.

PORTMAN - On August 2nd 1996, to Al and Michael, a son.

PRESCOTT - On 2nd August 1996, to Lucy (née Collett) and Peter, a son, Nicholas James Wendell.

BIRTHS

RIABOV - On August 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Svetlana Riabova and Dmitriy, a beautiful daughter, Darya, a sister to Tatyana.

SANDELSON - Jacob Alexander David born 4th August 1996 to Mary and Johnny.

SOEDE - On July 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Lisa and Thomas Soede, a son, Patrick Edwin, a brother for Henk Thomas.

SULLIVAN - On 29th July 1996, to Joanne (née Elliott) and Graham, a beautiful daughter, Charlotte Eleanor.

THATCHER - On July 28th 1996, to Bill and Angie, a son, Daniel Charles, a brother for Kate and Alice.

TOOMEY - On 3rd August 1996, to Joanne (née Fletcher) and James, a daughter, Emily Elizabeth.

VAN LAUN - On August 2nd, to Emma (née Thomson) and Timothy, a son, Samuel James Joseph.

WHITE - On 24th July 1996, to Fiona (née Tyson) and Nigel, a son, Theodore John.

WICKHAM - On July 27th at The Portland Hospital, twins John Robinson and Edward Porcher born to John Robinson Wickham and Charlotte W. Hill Wickham.

DEATHS

ABBOTT - Stephen Nash on 2nd August, after a courageous fight against cancer, husband of Evelyn and father of Catherine, Diane and Elizabeth. Funeral on Friday 9th August at 1.30pm at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. No flowers. Donations to Iain Rennie Hospice at Home. Donations and enquiries to Arnold Funeral Service tel: (01494) 472572.

AIRD-FAIRLEY - Benjamin Alexander, in his 17th year, suddenly but peacefully on 1st August 1996, on the Greek island of Angistri, while on holiday with his family. Beloved son of Jennifer Aird and Peter Fairley and brother of Coriander. His funeral will be at Kelsale Church, Suffolk. Enquiries please to Tony Brown Funeral Service, Saxmundham, (01728) 603108.

BARTON - On Friday 2nd August, quietly, released from Alzheimers, Derek Barton, novelist, loved by Phillipa, Fan, Tasha, his family and friends. Funeral 2pm on Friday 9th August at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey (tel: 01372 363181). Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Relatives Association, 5 Tavistock Place, London WC1.

DEATHS

BRUCE-MITFORD - On 31st July, Amanda Kathleen, L.E., widow of A.H. Bruce-Mitford, beloved mother of Clare, Beatrice, Jennifer, John and Peregrine. Service to be held at St Mary and St Alban, Teddington, on Thursday 8th August at 2pm. Flowers to be sent to Holmes and Daughters, Teddington or to her home. Donations to Tolworth Hospital Stroke Unit.

CLARKE - Margaret (née Braithwaite) of Milldale, Derbyshire (formerly of Ashton-under-Lyne, Hempstead and Kentish Town). Peacefully on August 2nd after a long illness. Much loved by Debbie, Pamela, Lilian, Phyl, Bill, family and friends. For further enquiries please contact W. Jones & Son, Funeral Directors, tel: (01335) 360319.

CLEMENTS - Saturday August 3rd, Lt. Col. Charles M.L. Clements M.C. of Carnalway Lodge, Kilcullen, late of the 4th Queen's Hussars. Dearly loved husband of Mary. Funeral Service at St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare on Tuesday August 6th at 3 pm. Burial afterwards at Carnalway Churchyard. House Private.

CURTIS - Diana. Widow of Lt. Col. A.G. Curtis, 6th D.C.O. Lancers died suddenly in her home in Tullow, Co Carlow August 4th. Funeral Wednesday August 7th at Aghade Church at 3 o'clock.

DATE - Corinna Mary peacefully on Friday, August 2nd 1996 at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, aged 81 years and of Monk's Retreat, Monkton Combe, formerly of Claverton Down. Funeral Service St Michael's Church, Monkton Combe on Thursday, August 8th at 3pm. No flowers please but donations if desired for S.R.B.M.I. c/o G. Mannings and Sons Ltd, Oxford House, North Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5HW.

DUNPHY - Sister Madeline of Loreto Convent, Llandudno, Gwynedd, previously at St Albans, Herts, suddenly but peacefully on 31st July 1996. Deeply regretted by her family, Loreto Community and many friends. Removal to the Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Thursday 8th August 8 pm. Requiem Mass 12 noon Friday 9th August 1996. May she rest in peace.

EDWARDS - Anthony Paul John on 23rd July 1996, suddenly but peacefully at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington aged 73 years. The funeral has taken place and, by request, there will be no memorial service or requiem. Enquiries to T. Pennack & Son (01245) 471157.

DEATHS

ENTICKNAP - Albert passed away on August 1st 1996. Interment has taken place at Leicester.

FAWCETT - Elias Manuel Fawcett died suddenly in London on August 3rd. Funeral to be announced shortly.

FISHER - The Hon. Humphrey Richmond. August 1923 - August 1996. Fourth son of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Fisher of Lambeth, and Lady Fisher. Brother of Harry, Bob and Tim and the late Frank and Charles. Husband of Diana, and much loved and cherished friend of so many in England and Australia. Died in St Luke's Hospital Friday, 2nd August, in their loving care. Amamus.

GILHAM - Kenneth. Architect. On August 2nd, courageously, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, aged 68. Cherished husband of Sheila, dearly loved father of Melissa, Annabel and the late Louise, esteemed father-in-law of Jonathan and Stephen, adored Grandpa of Tom and Rosie, Jessamy and Guy. Private cremation. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Ken's life on Tuesday August 20th 3pm at Wisborough Green Church, where flowers or donations to the MacMillan Unit, Midhurst, will be appreciated.

GREGORY - Thomas John passed away on 1st August, 1996 at the Adventist Hospital, Hong Kong following a long illness. Private cremation on 8th August, 1996. Memorial service to be announced. Any donations to the Cancer Foundation. No flowers please.

GUTHRIE JONES - On 4th August Griffith Winston Guthrie Jones Q.C. of Colleenmore, Sligo Island. The beloved husband of Janet. Funeral on Thursday 8th August St Anne's Church, Strandhill, Sligo.

HILL - Cordelia Rachel (Delia), widow of John, suddenly at home in Seaford on 2nd August aged 88. Greatly loved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation Eastbourne 10.30am Thursday 8th August followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Leonard's Church, Seaford at midday. Flowers c/o Seaford and Newhaven Funeral Service, Cradle Hill Road, Seaford, tel: (01323) 893889.

DEATHS

JENNINGS - On 4th August peacefully in hospital following a long and brave fight against cancer, Virginia, dearly loved wife of Vivian, mother of Catherine, Charles and Sarah-Louise and grandmother of Alex, Anna, Jonathan, Simon and Kate. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Witley, on Friday 9th August at 11 am. Donations, if desired, to the Macmillan Fund. Funeral enquiries to J. Gorringe & Son, tel: (01483) 416403.

KITSON - Ginette Molesworth peacefully on 4th August, much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. Thanksgiving at Leigh Church in September.

MANISTRE - John Arthur (Jack) on August 2nd 1996 at home aged 82, beloved husband of Margaret, a very dear brother, uncle and great-uncle and good friend. Quiet family funeral. Donations if wished to British Diabetic Association c/o Albert Parr & Sons Ltd. of 117 Croydon Road, Beckenham, BR3 3RA.

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OATES - Freda Margaret on 4th August peacefully at Petersfield Hospital, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral strictly private for family only. No flowers please but donations if desired for N.S.P.C.C. c/o Funeral Services (Petersfield) Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hants. GU32 3HR.

COCKBURY - Thomas Bernard on August 2nd aged 92. Service for family only. Donations if desired to Age Concern c/o J.H. Kenyon (0171) 794-3535.

PETRE - Robert Charles on 3rd August aged 84 years peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Sonia, father and grandfather. Private funeral and no letters please. Memorial Service to be announced later. R.I.P.

REAY - Paul (Herbert McCabe) peacefully in hospital 28th July. Cremation Service Friday 9th August 11.30 am at the Downs, Bear Road, Brighton. Funeral Directors Attree & Kent (01273) 821985.

RIDLEY - On August 2nd 1996 in hospital, Deborah of Clare. Cherished wife of David, loving mother of Carelia. Funeral Service at Clare Suffolk Parish Church on Thursday August 8th at 2pm. Any flowers to Martin & Sons, Clare, please.

DEATHS

ROBINSON - Thomas Lloyd suddenly on 2nd August aged 83 years. Beloved wife of Pam for 57 years. Devoted father of Angela, Julie and Anthony. Much loved grandfather of Bill, Libet, Katherine, Becky, Antonia, James, Sophie, Ben and Jessica and great friend to many. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in early October in Bristol and all will be welcome.

SCOTT - William Donald on August 2nd in his 93rd year, peacefully after many years of blindness bravely borne. Beloved husband of Muriel, much loved father of Donald, Michael and Barbara and grandfather of Caroline and Annabel. Funeral at St Mary Magdalene, Munster Square, on Friday 9th August at 10.30am followed by a private cremation. No flowers, but if so desired, donations may be sent to The National Institute for the Blind.

STEWARD - Susan, widow of Charles, and daughter of the late Rev. & Mrs H.S.T. Gahan of Thrussington, Leicestershire, died suddenly in hospital on 4th August. She will be very sadly missed by all her family and many friends in England and Donegal. Funeral at Donegal C.E. Parish Church on Saturday the 10th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to Canon Trimble in aid of Letterkenny Hospital.

THOMPSON - Peter died Shenzhen University, July 12th 1996. A Memorial Service for his family and friends will be held in the Leys School Chapel, Cambridge on Saturday, 31st August at 11 am.

TUCKWELL - On 2nd August, at home in Berkeley, Gloucestershire, after an illness patiently endured, The Reverend Paul Tuckwell, formerly Rector of Appleton and Vicar of Frecheville. Beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, aged 84 years. Funeral at St Laurence Church, Appleton on Friday 9th August at 2pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham, Surrey c/o Allen-White Funeral Directors (01453) 822409.

WILLIAMS - Margaret Brodie, widow of Brigadier Stephen Williams, died peacefully on 3rd August at Scorrier, Redruth, Cornwall. Dearly loved mother, grandmother and sister. Private cremation; Memorial Service at Gwennap Church 2.30 pm 12th August. No flowers but if desired donations to Marie Curie Cancer Fund c/o Vanstone, Glebe House, Vicarage Hill, St Day, Redruth, TR16 5PJ.

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GEOFF HAMILTON

Geoff Hamilton, gardener, died after collapsing during a cycle race on August 4 aged 59. He was born on August 12, 1936.

GEOFF HAMILTON, the presenter of *Gardeners' World* for the past 17 years, was an anachronism in modern broadcasting. Casually dressed, windswept and muddy, Hamilton gave the nation's gardeners what they needed — practical, sound advice. The lamentable march towards slick presentation and lightweight content which characterised most other programmes of the genre had no place in Hamilton's philosophy.

Television producers sometimes wanted to change the programme, and particularly to tone down what was, in their estimation, its most boring aspect — the gardening. They suggested items about design, history and statues. Hamilton, at least until the last few years, resisted their arguments successfully. *Gardeners' World*, in his book, was there for making the practical aspects of gardening intelligible to everyone, and he was vindicated in his approach by viewing figures of five million. Amateur gardeners knew that he could be trusted, and that he spoke from personal experience. As in his broadcasting style, so in his clothes: Hamilton wore exactly what he liked. His uniform in the garden was an unprepossessing lumberjack shirt, rough jeans and a pair of old gym shoes. He was once named the worst-dressed presenter on television.

Hamilton was at the spearhead of the organic gardening movement in this country. Twenty or thirty years ago fewer amateur gardeners would have kept their own compost heap. These days nearly every gardener uses compost, and many learnt the proper way to make it by watching Hamilton. Hamilton taught people that there were alternatives to chemicals, that a potato or apple did not need to be artificially large and perfect to be edible. He had recently broadened his campaign to attack the devastation of limestone pavements in the North of England, which were being dug up and sold to rockery gardeners.

Geoff Hamilton was one of identical twin sons born in Stepney in the East End of London. Later, when Geoff became a celebrity, his brother Tony was often mistakenly asked for gardening advice. He reached the stage where he would answer all questions with: "Just prune it right down to the ground."

Their grandfather was a music-hall performer, which may account for Hamilton's ease in front of the camera. Their father was passionate about the countryside, and removed his family to live in the Lea Valley in Hertfordshire when Geoff was a small boy. Geoff was educated at the local grammar school and during the holidays worked in nurseries. Even at that age he knew precisely what he wanted to do with his life. After National Service with the RAF, he trained at the Writtle College of Agriculture in Essex.

He was on the brink of opening his own nursery in 1970 when he met the editor of the weekly tabloid newspaper *Garden News* (Hamilton had bought a plot of land from the editor). This led to his being hired by the paper. Hamilton was the new boy in the office, and did all the lowly jobs, including answering letters from readers.

From there he moved in 1975 to become editor of the glossier monthly *Practical Gardening* (a glossy gardening journal, in those days, had only a couple of pages of colour). Hamilton turned this into an eminently practical step-by-step gardening timetable for gardeners, showing them what tasks should be performed in their garden each month: pruning, weeding, sowing, planting bulbs. He wrote almost the whole issue, cover to cover, in the early days.

His break on television came with a few gardening features for the news magazine programme *Look East*. In 1979 he took over *Gardeners' World*, the old home of Percy Thrower. At about the time he joined, Hamilton spotted Barnsdale, a Victorian farmhouse in Rutland. A tempting five and a half acres were attached to the house, which would provide useful room for Hamilton to demonstrate new techniques in the programme: Hamilton seriously overextended himself buying the house — it cost £100,000, which was a fortune for him at the time. But it was an excellent investment, as he had foreseen. An understanding bank manager gave him a loan, and Hamilton moved in.

The BBC provided him with a backup team of three gardeners, which became essential as his broadcasting and writing commitments began to take up almost half of his working week. But the whole family also became involved. His second wife, Lynda, gave up her job as a French teacher and was pressed into service as waterer and weeder. One of the sons from his first marriage worked at the plant centre there, which was set up to specialise in unusual plants.

The programme went out at 8.30 in the evening on Friday nights, from February to October, and was usually recorded on Thursdays and Fridays. In the early days, the programme came almost entirely from Barnsdale, which resembled not so much a garden as a series of outdoor, living television studios. Hamilton cultivated a rose garden, circle garden, budget garden, retirement garden, ornamental kitchen garden and Elizabethan raised garden.

Mindful of the hazards of global warming and the possible effects this might have on the British climate, he even planted a Mediterranean garden. The land was mostly north-facing with a heavy clay soil. But Hamilton measured out a small south-facing plot sheltered by the back wall of his farmhouse, provided drainage with the addition of tons of gravel and set about growing plants which, by his own admission, he had no right to grow. Here, visitors could see *Othonnopsis* and *Tulbaghia* growing under the mistaken impression that they were in Sicily.

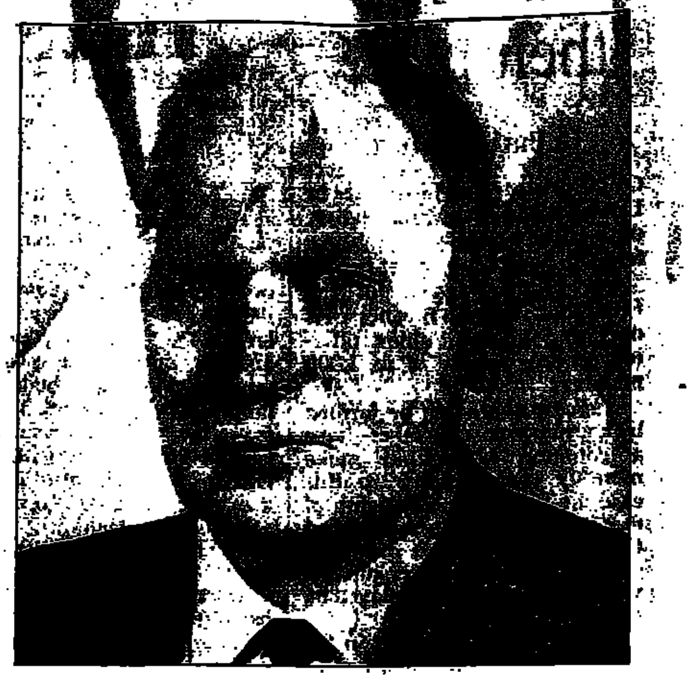
The technical backup needed for those early years in Hamilton's garden presented its own logistic headache, but gave the programme a certain continuity. Huge outside broadcast vehicles would drive to Barnsdale, disgorging lengths of cable and a small army of sound engineers. The programme's guests would arrive at Hamilton's house, and after a few rehearsals be interviewed. The whole programme had a "live" feel to it.

All that changed when smaller camera units were introduced after the programme was handed to independent producers in 1993. Much more of the programme was filmed in other parts of the country, from viewers' impressive gardens. This produced charming pictures, but it was still Hamilton, literally getting his hands dirty for the camera, who provided the backbone to the whole show. As Hamilton's unlikely celebrity grew, his television and writing career ran into new channels: a series on cottage gardens, columns for magazines and books.

Hamilton was in person everything he appeared to be in front of the camera: avuncular and approachable. Gardening had taught him to be philosophical, he said, and to realise that he was not the centre of the universe. He continued to work just as energetically, even after a heart attack last year. He once said that he would have chosen for his epitaph the words *Cercidiphyllum japonicum*, the name of the tree he would like planted over his grave. "It is a lovely honey colour and it will last about 60 years and then die. And that's all right."

He is survived by his wife Lynda and three sons from his first marriage.

DONOVAN CLIBBORN



Donovan Clibborn, CMG, former Ambassador to El Salvador, died on July 24 aged 79. He was born on July 2, 1917.

WHEN Donovan Clibborn flew into San Salvador 25 years ago to take up his appointment as Ambassador, he was met not by an official from the Embassy, as was customary, but by an American "adviser" from the Ministry of the Interior. "Gee boy," he said cheerfully, as Clibborn climbed into a bullet-proof limo. "You've been placed at the top of the local guerrillas' hit-list."

A regular bodyguard was assigned to the new British envoy, who was to spend the next six months in mortal fear, with security men always stationed outside his room at night. At the end of that period, however, the same American told him: "Gee boy, you can relax now, the problem has been liquidated" — after which his time in El Salvador passed uneventfully.

The Clibborns had been bred to insecurity. After crossing the Channel with the Normans, they settled in Northumberland, adopting the English name of Clayburn. But then they backed the losing side in the Civil War. Forced to flee, one brother left for America, the other for Ireland — whence Donovan's branch of the family had sprung. They had returned to England after losing their lands again in the last century.

Donovan Harold Clibborn was born in Rochester, Kent, the son of a civil servant. Before he was 13, however, both parents were dead, leaving him to be brought up by an elder brother and sister.

From Ilford High School, Essex, Don, as he was known to family and close friends, went to St Edmund Hall, Oxford, to read Spanish and French. He rowed for his college, became president of the University Spanish Society and played an active role in the Spanish Civil War — raising funds for the Republican cause and visiting the country more than once.

On graduating he won a Laming travelling fellowship at Queen's College, Oxford, which took him to Argentina for two years. Then he entered the consular service in 1938. His first foreign posting as a vice-consul in Genoa was interrupted, however, by the outbreak of war.

Commissioned into the Intelligence Corps, Clibborn served at Bletchley Park where intelligence teams had succeeded in breaking the German codes. He was on General Montgomery's staff in the Western Desert, liaising with the Long-Range Desert Group, before moving on to Sicily, Italy and North-West Europe where he was present at the surrender of Brussels.

While in the Desert, Clibborn was mentioned in dispatches and was seriously wounded. Fragments of lead remained dangerously near to his spinal cord through much of his life, causing discomfort from time to time and at one point nearly bringing about his death. Demobilised with the rank of major, he returned to the Foreign Service and spent most of the rest of his life travelling the world.

He was consul in Los Angeles, 1946-48, a first secretary in Madrid, 1950-52, Rio de Janeiro, 1952-56, and Madrid, 1956-60. Promoted counsellor, he went on to serve in Milan, Tehran and again at Rio de Janeiro before being made consul-general in Barcelona in 1966 and Ambassador to El Salvador four years later.

His first wife Margaret, who was half-Italian, had died unexpectedly following a minor operation while they were in Brazil in 1966 — the same year in which he was appointed CMG. Seven years later he married again and, after retiring in 1975 on leaving El Salvador, he settled near Barcelona with his second, Spanish-born, wife.

Clibborn spent most of his life overseas. Perhaps this was a conscious decision on his part. He could seem a rather private, distant man. But he enjoyed the good things of life, including good food and fine wine and the company of friends. He often amused himself by writing humorous verse, including limericks and pastiches.

Among those whom he entertained on various postings throughout the world were the ballerina Dame Margot Fonteyn and the pianist Solomon. Indeed, he once practised yoga with the latter while in Madras.

He is survived by his second wife Victoria, whom he first met while consul-general in Barcelona, and by one son and two daughters from his first marriage, and a stepson and two stepdaughters from his second.

MGR PIERRE CLAVERIE

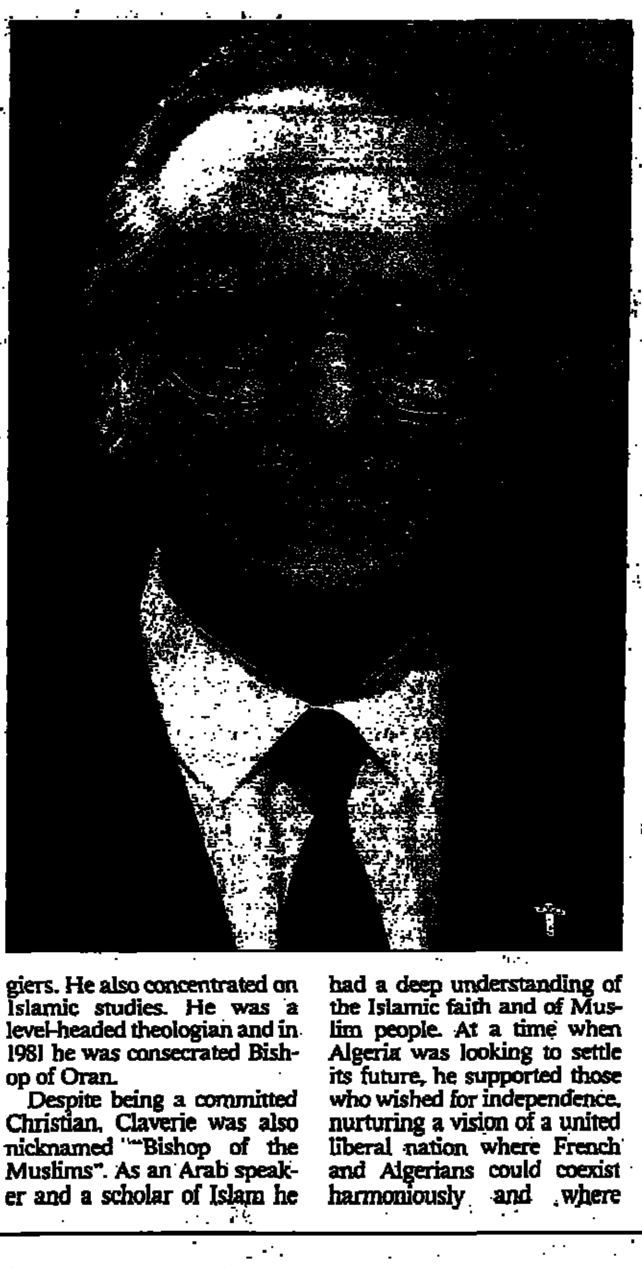
Mgr Pierre Claverie, Bishop of Oran, was murdered in Oran on August 1 aged 58. He was born on May 8, 1938.

ALTHOUGH accustomed to the climate of violence in Algeria, Pierre Claverie worked throughout his life as a spokesman for peace. Holding dual Algerian and French nationality, he stood, in the words of the Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, "as a man of dialogue between religions and cultures". Claverie was a committed Christian, but also had a profound understanding of the Islamic faith. His work was concerned not with religious conversion but with discussion. The key word in his religion, he once said, was "dialogue".

When seven French Trappist monks were kidnapped from their monastery and brutally beheaded by Islamic extremists in May of this year, he courageously ignored French Government warnings to leave Algeria and persisted in his struggle for the achievement of peace. Last Thursday he accompanied the French Foreign Minister, Hervé de Charette, to pay homage at the graves of the murdered monks. It is believed that the extremist Armed Islamic Group saw the occasion as an opportunity to avenge the death of its own leader Zitouni who claimed to have instigated the murder and had himself later been assassinated by a rival group of terrorists in July.

As de Charette flew back to France after the ceremony, a bomb exploded in Claverie's residence in Oran, killing both him and his driver. He was the nineteenth French cleric to have been killed in Algeria in the three years since Islamic extremists started to single out foreigners as targets.

Henri Pierre Claverie was born into a Roman Catholic family, one of a fourth generation of French settlers, at a time when Algeria was administrated as a department of the French Republic. He grew up in the Bal-el-Oued quarter of the capital and was always to consider Algeria as his home, though he studied for a time in Egypt where he learnt to speak Arabic. He also went to the Saulchoir in Paris to pursue his religious studies under the Dominicans. During the Algerian War he helped to protect Algerian militants by shielding them from the police.



Claverie was ordained a priest in the Dominican order in 1965 and returned to Algeria shortly after Houari Boumedienne had deposed President Ahmed Ben Bella in a bloodless coup and, suspending the constitution, established a revolutionary council, of which he was President, to run the country. Claverie taught classical Arabic in Algiers. He also concentrated on Islamic studies. He was a level-headed theologian and in 1981 he was consecrated Bishop of Oran.

Despite being a committed Christian, Claverie was also nicknamed "Bishop of the Muslims". As an Arab speaker and a scholar of Islam he had a deep understanding of the Islamic faith and of Muslim people. At a time when Algeria was looking to settle its future, he supported those who wished for independence, nurturing a vision of a united liberal nation where French and Algerians could coexist harmoniously and where there would be peace and fraternity between those of differing religious belief.

However, well before the riots of 1988, he had voiced his concern about growing corruption in the Government and the consequent poverty of the Algerian people. As he took an increasingly political stance, telling the Islamic authorities that "one cannot defend a just cause by dirty means", he found himself in an increasingly dangerous position. Yet he faced up to it with serenity and courage, refusing to leave, even under the terrorist threat of assassination. To go, he said, would only expose his successor to the same risks as those which he faced.

He felt that his staying in Algeria was a sign to the Muslims that their country had not been abandoned to collapse into chaos. This conviction led him to declare that he and other Catholics were ready to "give their lives to fight barbarian violence alongside the Algerians".

Though the police supplied him with a bodyguard, he preferred to drive alone so as not to put the lives of others at risk. He was calm in the face of danger. Just hours before his death he had forecast an upsurge in violence or at least, he said, some spectacular attack to counter the positive effect of de Charette's visit. His ensuing murder was condemned by Muslims and Christian communities alike. But, de Charette said, it would not stop France seeking "calm and cordial relations with Algeria".

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The tests for the dogs, working singly and in couples, both looked exacting to the verge of distraction. Half a mile away from the spectators, grouped on the grass of Lord Rothschild's beautiful park, three sheep were periodically disgorged for the single trials from a kind of covered deer-cart. Nearly as far off, a whistle from the shepherd watching under a group of elm-trees sent his dog in strategic prusuit of them. No dog, not even the youngest and least experienced, adopted a pure frontal attack; but they varied in the speed and stealth of their outflanking movement. In less than a minute the three sprucely clipped mountaineers were disturbed in their obvious programme of an afternoon's juicy feeding on lowland English pastures, and were on the move towards a distant gap between two hurdles.

Much of the fascination of sheep dog trials lies in the ancient and inveterate contrast of the nature of dog and sheep. The dog is all acuteness and stealth, but relies absolutely and without a moment's intermission on the shepherd's signals. To all but his master's voice, whistle, and hand he is both deaf and blind. He is an automaton perfected by intelligence. The sheep is simply the raw material for his skill to play on. It wants to be let alone, and to go on grazing; when dogs and men pursue it, it has rarely enough sense to adopt any definite counter-plan, but runs aimlessly in a new direction. Half the shepherd's secret when sheep are moving is to let well alone; many times yesterday, after almost maddening exhibitions of unconscious perversity, the sheep slipped literally "like lambs" through the narrow wicket.

Two wide gaps in rows of hurdles had to be passed, and then one much narrower. Beyond this, the shepherd for the first time helped his dog at close quarters, and not only by signals. Hat in hand, with alternate cries of blandishment and intimidation, he steers the puzzled sheep towards a hollow cross of paired hurdles, with the dog as his partner. The sheep see no sense in these hurdles, and are uninterested, if not actively recalcitrant; they see plenty of ways of passing the hurdles, and try most of them, before they are miraculously coaxed through. Their gregariousness is the trump card of dog and man; once one slips in where it is wanted the others usually follow, yet not without exasperating exceptions. Last and most incredible of all, all three sheep are safely corralled in a minute triangular pen ...

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Dated this 31st July 1996
K P BARRY, FCA, Liquidator

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Dated July 31 1996
Neville Barry Kahn and Christopher John Hughes Joint Liquidators

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GEORGE SPURGEON
Director

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Scheme for the alteration of the objects of the charity.
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Credit union ardour puts banks in their place

By Brian Collett

OWNERS of small businesses in Lancashire and Cumbria have set up a credit union to give better terms than the high street banks.

The regional group of the Federation of Small Businesses is operating the credit union, offering services to any of its 3,000 members.

A credit union can be formed by a group whose members have a common bond and make monthly contributions. In this case the bond is membership of the federation's Lancashire and Cumbria region, but in other cases it could be membership of a village hall or being employed by the same company.

Many business owners in the region had become dissatisfied with high interest rates on bank loans and short repayment periods, and disliked having to risk their homes as collateral.

Ken DeVonald, the federation's spokesman, said that businesses were attracted to the idea of a credit union by the legal limit of a 12.68 annual percentage rate on loans, made possible partly because the union is owned by its members and does not pay shareholders.

Neil Daws, its treasurer, said: "For many years the self-employed and small business owners have complained at the way banks have treated them.

"We know that credit unions can sometimes cut the cost of borrowing. The credit union may also give a better dividend to those members who wish to save."

The Lancashire and Cumbria credit union has been two years in the making. "Now it will take two or three months to take off," said Mr DeVonald.

It could be the first of many in the federation. Members in the neighbouring northeast England region are already showing an interest.

Britain's first credit union was formed in Skelmersdale, Lancashire, in 1980. Britain now has 500 and the number is expected to double in the next five years.

More details of the Lancashire and Cumbria business people's credit union can be obtained by contacting 01772 712033.

Fairground craftsman has collectors in a spin

By David Askham

Nostalgia is as strong as it used to be, as Woody White discovered when he launched his specialist woodcarving business in Somerset in 1987. Very few craftsmen, particularly in the United Kingdom, were able to replicate classical fairground animals and build ornate fairground organ fronts. In a very few years his skills have become recognised by collectors worldwide and his work is also much in demand by fairground operators.

It was disenchantment with the building industry that caused Mr White to start his own business, working, initially, in his home-based workshop. But the arrival of a commission to build and carve a new organ front forced him to look around for bigger premises.

Fortunately the Rural Development Commission came to his rescue and helped him to obtain planning permission to convert two redundant farm buildings in Bleadon, his home village near Weston-super-Mare. Mr White is meticulous about the timber he uses. He procures his own timber, mostly limewood, and dries it in kilns which he designed and built.

Mr White's fairground animals have been exported to many countries. His main clients are in North America, Australia and Japan. Private collectors sometimes commission him to make juvenile carousels for use in fundraising for charities. Others commission specimen carved wooden animals for use as "masters" which are then replicated in synthetic materials — a much cheaper route for commercial fairground operators.

The demand for carved wooden fairground animals for use as lounge furniture really surprised Mr White. One client asked him to make a full-size unicorn. It became the first of several ordered by other people.

The inspiration for new carvings often comes from discussions with his customers. Sometimes they send him photographs or drawings which provide the basis for a new subject. Typical examples are a Japanese bear for the Orient and a fire-breathing dragon for New York.

Research is very important when tackling a well-known subject such as galloping horses for a fairground ride. Mr White explains: "There are very traditional designs for fairground horses, in England and America. For example, English horses go round clockwise, whereas American gallopers ride anti-clockwise."

Mr White has employed a young apprentice and his son, Matthew, works full-time in the machine workshop. Mr White also devotes Monday evenings to training students and last year sponsored a Russian woodcarver for a month while he learnt how to carve English fairground animals.

Prices range from £300 for a painted miniature horse, through £1,350 for a painted unicorn for a lounge, to £2,200 for a full-size carousel figure.

Mr White can be contacted on 01934 815374.

DAVID ASKHAM

Woody White is recognised worldwide for his woodcarving skills

Too many companies 'have overlooked EU work time directive'

By Widget Finn

Many companies providing business and facilities management services have underestimated the potential impact of the European Union's working time directive, according to the Business Services Association.

Norman Rose, director-general, says that while attention has focused on the prospect of a 48-hour working week, the regulations covering other aspects of working life, from the length and frequency of daily and weekly rest periods to the duration of annual leave, have been overlooked. He also says that the directive will impose an additional burden on record-keeping.

The Business Services Association has submitted a paper to the Department of Trade and Industry outlining problems that it claims the directive will cause.

Mr Rose says: "The business services industry uses a variety of working patterns, from continuous and split shifts to days plus overtime in order to provide the customer with a flexible service that can quickly adapt to seasonal and special function requirements. At a catering establishment, for example, it is often difficult to predict customer flow, which can be erratic in response to the weather, time, opportunities to eat or drink, social factors or the unpredictable outcome of the main attraction. This is particularly true of sporting or other outdoor events.

"Customers at airports, stations, shopping and leisure centres place demanding requirements on the providers of cleaning, catering, maintenance and security services who must provide a consistently high level of service whatever the traffic flow." Potential problems cited by the association are:

Daily rest periods

The directive stipulates a rest period of 11 hours in each 24 hours. This could affect split shifts or shift rotas where an employee moves from one shift to another.

Shift patterns

It may be impossible to extend shifts to cover unforeseen demand, staff absences or equipment failures.

Weekly rest periods

The directive requires a weekly uninterrupted rest period of at least 24 hours in addition to the daily rest period. This may stop employees from voluntarily earning overtime payments.

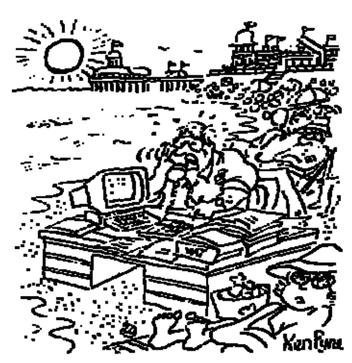
Maximum working week

The stipulation is 48 hours including overtime. The association says some employees wish to work well beyond 48 hours for personal or financial reasons. In some occupations it would be detrimental to a particular process for workers not to be able to work longer.

Paid annual leave

The minimum under the directive is three weeks, rising to four in 1999. Where blue-collar workers receive two weeks' holiday, the entitlement will be doubled. This could add 4 per cent to overheads.

The association is urging the Government to make maximum use of escape clauses. In particular it wants managers to be excluded. It says companies that maintain records purely for calculating wages will have to establish new procedures and train supervisory and management staff to keep cumulative totals of hours worked.



"It may be a working one, but at least it's a holiday."

BRIEFINGS

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☐ Hairdressers who rent out facilities such as chairs to freelance stylists face paying VAT after a tribunal ruling, Moores Rowland, chartered accountants, says. Many salons use self-employed stylists to stay below the VAT limit. A VAT tribunal has ruled that the charge is taxable.

☐ An introduction to the commercial uses of the Internet, with the emphasis on jargon-busting, is being given in a seminar by Sussex Business Link at the Jarvis Hotel, Chichester, on August 20. Cost: £20 plus VAT. Details: 0345 830345.

☐ Seminars for employers and employees on tax self-assessment will be held in locations around the country by Fraser Russell, chartered accountants. Details from Maureen Forbes on 01992 550631.

☐ Technology use by small businesses has more than doubled in a decade, says a report from NatWest and the Open University's Small Business Research Trust. For example, 83 per cent use a fax, compared with 31 per cent in 1988; 67 per cent have an answering machine and 53 per cent a mobile phone, against 33 per cent and 22 per cent respectively.

☐ Members of a business leadership team set up by the South London Training and Enterprise Council are to visit small companies to listen to their problems. In conjunction with London First, which aims to attract business to the capital, they hope to be able to suggest solutions as part of a campaign to promote prosperity in south London.

☐ A free booklet on growing your business has been produced by Mercury One-2-One in conjunction with the Federation of Small Businesses. Phone 0161 248 6266.

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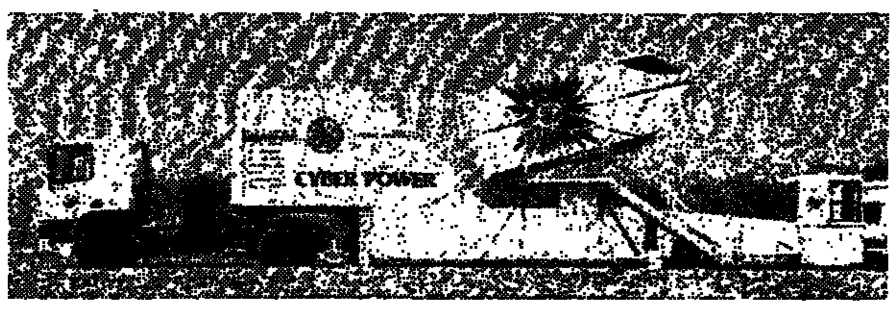

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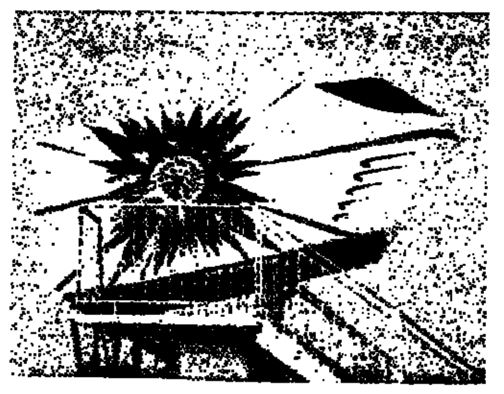

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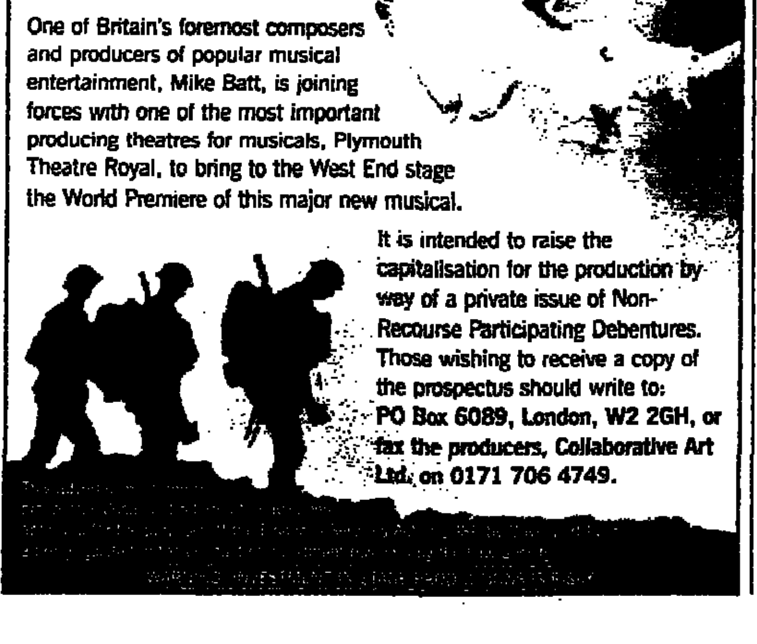

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Court of Appeal

Mortgage fraud appeal fails

Regina v Hawkins (Paul)

Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice Connell

[Judgment July 31]

A self-confessed mortgage fraudster failed in an application for a seven-month extension of time to apply for leave to appeal out of time against conviction after the House of Lords, in another case, had decided that counts under section 15(1) of the Theft Act 1968 to which he had pleaded guilty had been invoked for a purpose for which it was never designed.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, refused an application by Paul Nigel Hawkins, aged 38, from conviction in November 1994 at Bradford Crown Court (Judge Cockroft) after pleas of guilty to five counts of obtaining property by deception, contrary to section 15(1) of the 1968 Act, two counts of attempting to obtain property by deception, contrary to section 17(1)(b) of the 1968 Act and one count of attempting to obtain property by deception, contrary to section 1(1) of the Criminal Atempts Act 1981.

He was sentenced to two years imprisonment concurrent on each count. Three counts to which he pleaded not guilty were ordered to lie on the file.

On appeal sentences of 18 months concurrent were substituted.

Section 17 of the 1968 Act provides: "(1) Where a person dishonestly, with a view to gain for himself or another or with intent to cause loss to another ... (b) in furnishing information for any purpose produced or makes use of any account, or any such record of document as aforesaid, which to his knowledge is or may be misleading, false or deceptive in a material particular ... shall ... be liable to imprisonment.

Mr R. C. S Holt for the applicant; Mr David Perry and Mr John Muir for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that in summer 1990 the applicant began to purchase houses in the Huddersfield area, his aim being to buy the houses and then renovate them and let them out to tenants.

The applicant did not himself possess funds with which to buy and renovate the houses and accordingly he approached a number of building societies, falsely pretending that he was acquiring the houses for his own occupation.

In making the applications he provided false particulars as to his name, age, place of residence, employment, income and gave false references.

In that way he was able to acquire some houses. He made some additional applications which were unsuccessful.

He received advances which amounted to something over £300,000 from various building societies for the purchase of those houses. He also received, it was said, sums from the local authority by way of housing benefit, but that was in issue.

At the time of the trial arrears had built up in certain of the advances and he found himself in difficulty with others as a result of the recession in the property market. It was impossible to put any precise figure on the losses of the building societies had suffered, doubtless it was a substantial sum.

His Lordship turned first to the substance of this application in reference the two counts under section 17(1)(b), concerning his pleas of guilty to counts 5 and 15 of the indictment. Recitation of the terms of count was sufficient for present purposes:

"Statement of offence: furnishing *false information*, contrary to section 17(b) of the Theft Act 1968. Particulars of offence. Paul Nigel Hawkins on *August 26 1993*, in furnishing information required by the Manchester Building Society, dishonestly and with a view to gain for himnself or another, or with intent to cause loss to another, produced to the said building society a document, namely, a letter from Simpson Builders as to the cost of proposed work at 42 Scarhouse Lane, Huddersfield, which to his knowledge was misleading, false or deceptive in material particulars, namely: (i) that the firm existed; (ii) that the firm authorised the issue of the letter; (iii) that the work specified in the said letter had been completed by the firm; (iv) that the total cost (including VAT) was £11,686."

Mr Holt made a point about the reference to the section in the indictment was to section 17(b) which, as it stood, was inaccurate. More significantly he complained that the particulars made no reference to the production of documents for an accounts or for any accounting purpose. He submitted that the essence of the offence depended on relating it to accounts or accounting purpose and that the omission was significant.

On behalf of the Crown, it was argued that no such reference was required and to include such language would make the particulars of the offence unnecessarily and undesirably complex.

His Lordship said that it was quite plain that the statement of offence should have given a correct statutory reference and that the particulars of offence should have made reference to accounts or accounting documents.

No such objections were taken below, nor was it suggested that there was any misapprehension below on the part of the applicant as to what in either of the two cases to which he was pleading guilty.

Furthermore it was not suggested that the documents to which detailed reference was made in both counts did not satisfy the requirements of section 17(1)(b). It was not suggested that the applicant had been in any way prejudiced or embarrassed in the conduct of his case by the deficiencies.

In their Lordships' judgment it was clear that, if those points had been taken below there would have been an application to amend the indictment, it would have been granted and those deficiencies would have been remedied there and then. The submission was of the highest technicality and was not, in their Lordships' view, a ground on which any appeal could succeed.

The application for an extension of time for leave to appeal against conviction on the two section 17(1)(b) counts was refused.

As to the application relating to the convictions under section 15 and the related attempt conviction: again the applicant had pleaded guilty, and again he was out of time.

It was plain that the application to challenge those convictions was prompted by the decision of the House of Lords in *R v Preddy* (*The Times* July 11; [1996] 3 WLR 255).

The case concerned convictions for mortgage fraud and the facts were indistinguishable from the present appeal. The convictions were recorded under section 15(1) of the 1968 Act. Those convictions were quashed and the reason why appeared from the speech of Lord Goff of Chieveley (p264):

"The crucial question, as I see it, is whether the defendant obtained or attempted to obtain property belonging to another. Let it be assumed that the lending institution's bank account is in credit, and that there is therefore no difficulty in identifying a credit balance standing in the account as representing property, ie a chose in action, belonging to the lending institution.

"The question remains, however, whether the debiting of the lending institution's bank account, and the corresponding crediting of the bank account of the defendant or his solicitor, constitutes obtaining of that property.

"The difficulty in the way of that conclusion is simply that, when the bank account, and the corresponding crediting of the bank account of the defendant (or his solicitor) is credited, he does not obtain the lending institution's chose in action.

"On the contrary that chose in action is extinguished or reduced pro tanto, and a chose in action is brought into existence representing a debt in an equivalent sum owed by a different bank to the defendant or his solicitor. In these circumstances, it is difficult to see how the defendant thereby obtained property belonging to another, ie to the lending institution.'

"Professor Sir John Smith, in his commentary on the decision of the Court of Appeal in the present case ([1995] Crim LR 564, 565-566), has suggested: 'Effectively, the victim's property has been changed into another form and now belongs to the defendant. There is the gain and equivalent loss which is characteristic of, and perhaps the substance of, obtaining.'

"But even if this were right, I do not for myself see how this can properly be described as obtaining property belonging to another. In truth the property which the defendant has obtained is the new chose in action constituted by the debt now owed to him by his bank, and represented by the credit entry in his own bank account.

"This did not come into existence until the debt so created was owed to him by his bank, and so never belonged to anyone else. True, it corresponded to the debt entered in the lending institution's bank account; but it does not follow that the property which the defendant acquired can be identified with the property which the lending institution lost when its account was debited.

"In truth, section 15(1) is here being invoked for a purpose for which it was never designed, and for which it does nor legislate."

In reliance on that authority, Mr Holt submitted that the applicant pleaded guilty under what seemed to be misapprehension of law. The House of Lords had made plain that the applicant was not guilty of the offence with which he was charged under section 15 and, accordingly, he was imprisoned for commission of an offence he did not commit, and the conviction had to be unsafe.

Their Lordships had had, however, the benefit of the argument by Mr Perry. He submitted that, while the court had power to extend the 28 days time limit for leave to appeal, the courts had traditionally been reluctant to do so save where the extension sought was short and good reason was shown for the failure to do so in time.

In the ordinary run of cases the extension sought was a matter of days and the application was usually made because of some mishap or misunderstanding or administrative delay in the settlement of documents. Such indulgence had not traditionally been shown where a defendant acting on advice had pleaded guilty or had taken a conscious decision not to appeal.

The submission was well founded that the court should be satisfied that good reason existed for granting leave out of time in such circumstances.

Counsel went on to submit that a change in the law since the date of conviction or plea of guilty had not usually been regarded as a good reason for granting an extension of time in which to appeal: *R v Lesser* ((1939) 27 Cr App R 69); *R v Ramsden* ([1972] Crim L R 547); *Re Berkeley* ([1945] Ch 1); and *R v Mitchell* ((1977) 65 Cr App R 185, 189-190).

His Lordship commented that, in *Mitchell* even on facts described by Lord Justice Lane as "unusual if not almost unique" the court showed considerable reluctance to grant leave.

As their Lordships read the authorities it was plain that there was no inflexible rule but the general practice was one which set its face against re-opening convictions in the Court of Apjpeal in such circumstances. Mr Perry submitted, and in their Lordships' judgment correctly, that the court's practice in the past had been to eschew technicality and ask whether any substantial injustice had been done: *R v McHugh* ((1977) 64 Cr Ap R 92); *R v Ayres* ([1984] AC 447); *R v Pickford* ([1995] QB 203) and *R v Molyneux* ((1981) 72 Cr App R 111).

Their Lordships asked, therefore, in the present case whether the applicant was able tyo demonstrate any substantial injury. They put aside the section 17(1)(b) convictions but it did seem plain that other counts could have been laid under that section and, if objection had been taken on the present grounds under section 15(1), additional counts would probably have been preferred. It was difficult to know what answer there could possibly have been to such counts had they been preferred.

Having had the benefit of argument on behalf of the Crown and of the applicant on questions involved in convictions of theft under section 1 and alternative verdicts under sections 1, 2(1)(a) and 17(1)(b) of the 1968 Act in view of facts admitted by the applicant by his pleas of guilty, their Lordships were satisfied that the two questions were seriously arguable and raised legal issues by no means simple or free from controversy.

It seemed overwhelmingly likely that the time would come when the correctness of each proposition would have to be decided. However, their Lordships did not find it necessary to express a concluyded view on either for the purposes of the application.

They, therefore, confronted the substantial question and asked whether this was one of those exceptional cases in which extension of time should be granted.

They concluded that, on the facts of the present case, it was not. There was no substantial injury to the applicant and, accordingly, leave was refused.

Solicitors: Robert Blackford & Co, Croydon; Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

House of Lords

Contested committal is quashed

Regina v Bedwellty Justices, Ex parte Williams

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Cooke of Thorndon

[Speeches July 24]

A committal for trial by jury in the crown court could be quashed on judicial review if there had been no admissible evidence before the justices of the defendant's guilt, notwithstanding that after the committal the prosecution had served witness statements pointing to such guilt.

The House of Lords so held when allowing an appeal by Julie Ann Williams from the dismissal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Mr Justice McCullough) on December 5, 1994 of her motion for an order of certiorari to quash the decision of the Bedwellty Justices, sitting at Blackwood Magistrates' Court, to commit her to stand trial at the crown court on a charge that she and four others conspired to pervert the course of justice. The co-defendants did not contest their committals.

Mr Patrick Curran, QC and Mr David Wynn Morgan for the applicant; Mr Bruce Houlder, QC and Mr Mark Furness for the prosecution; the justices did not appear and were not represented.

LORD COOKE said that at the committal proceedings no witnesses were called, but the prosecution produced written material including extracts from transcripts of tape-recorded police interviews made under caution in which the other four defendants admitted the conspiracy and three of them implicated the applicant. The applicant denied participating in any conspiracy.

The justices appeared to have treated the written material as statements admissible against the applicant under sections 6 and 102 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980. However, the Crown Prosecution Service admitted that there had been before the justices no admissible evidence of guilt against the applicant.

Witness statements from each of the other four defendants had since been served by the Crown on the applicant's solicitors. It was not in dispute that they included evidence pointing to her guilt, but they had not been before the justices and of course the makers of the statements had not been cross-examined, nor would there be any opportunity to cross-examine them before trial.

To convict or commit for trial without any admissible evidence of guilt was to fall into an error of law. Certiorari was available to quash a committal for such an error and the only issue presenting any difficulty related to the exercise of the court's discretion.

Mr Houlder did not dispute that in the event of a grave miscarriage of justice the Divisional Court might quash a committal for trial in England or Wales, but contended that there was no such miscarriage here and that the deficiency in the prosecution case had been cured by the service of the witness statements. And he stressed that remedies other than certiorari would be available if the prosecution were ever in any case to evince an intention to go to trial without any truly admissible evidence of guilt.

The main plank in the answering argument of Mr Curran was that no alternative remedy would give the applicant the opportunity of cross-examining the makers of the witness statements before trial. He maintained that sundry discrepancies, both between the several witness statements and between the police statements on interview and the witness statements, might provide fertile ground for cross-examination.

At present the applicant had the right to cross-examine by virtue of section 4(2) of the 1980 Act. The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 included provision for the abolition of committal proceedings and their replacement by a "transfer for trial" procedure in which cross-examination could play no part. But those provisions had not yet been brought into force, and amendments were proposed.

The right to cross-examine at a preliminary hearing found no place in most human rights instruments, perhaps in none. It might not long survive anywhere in the United Kingdom.

Nevertheless the case had to be determined on the footing that the right still existed here and might be of significant value, at least of a tactical kind, to the defence. Their Lordships were not entitled to prefer a changed conception of the public interest to the clear statutory law.

His Lordship concluded that under the present statute law, a committal by examining justices could and normally should be quashed in judicial review proceedings if there was before them no admissible evidence of the defendant's guilt.

As no allegedly alternative remedy would give the defence the right to cross-examine before trial, the service before trial of further witness statements could commonly make no difference.

At least to the extent that it supported those conclusions, the House ought to adhere to and apply the decision in the Northern Ireland appeal *Neill v North Antrim Magistrates' Court* ([1992] 1 WLR 1220).

In that case Lord Mustill had emphasised that relief should not be granted as a matter of course. His speech differentiated two classes of case: first, the reception by examining justices of important evidence which influenced the committal but was in truth inadmissible; second, a simple insufficiency of evidence to justify the committal.

As for the first class of case, exemplified by *Neill*, Lord Mustill had propounded the tests of really substantial error leading to manifest injustice and irregularity having substantial adverse consequences for the defendant. The speech left open the law as to the second class of case.

It would be both illogical and unsatisfactory to hold that the law of judicial review should distinguish in principle between a committal based solely on inadmissible evidence and a committal based solely on evidence not reasonably capable of supporting it. In each case there was in truth no evidence to support the committal and it was therefore open to quashing on judicial review.

None the less there was a practical distinction. If justices had been of the opinion on admissible evidence that there was sufficient to put the accused on trial, normally on a judicial review application a court would rightly be slow to interfere at that stage.

The question would more appropriately be dealt with on a no-case submission at the close of the prosecution evidence, when the worth of that evidence could be better assessed by a judge who had heard it, or even on a pre-trial application grounded on abuse of process. In practice successful judicial review proceedings were likely to be rare in both classes of case, and especially rare in the second class.

The more troublesome situation was that which arose in *Neill*: a committal much influenced by inadmissible evidence, yet some admissible evidence remaining on which the justices might properly have committed, although it could not be assumed that they would have done so.

Possibly more than one solution of such an issue could be propounded. But *Neill* came down in favour of quashing, and in the interests of judicial consistency their Lordships ought not to depart from that quite recent ruling.

The applicant's committal would be quashed, thus leaving the prosecution free to initiate fresh committal proceedings against her on the same charge.

Lord Keith, Lord Goff, Lord Jauncey and Lord Browne-Wilkinson agreed.

Solicitors: Hugh James Jones & Jenkins, Bargoed; Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Correction

In *R v Burstow* (*The Times* July 30) the citation from *Smith and Hogan, Criminal Law* should have read: "If harm is caused without the use of force, it is not inflicted but, if grievous and intentionally caused, it may be the subject of an indictment under s18."

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All the players and managers have been allotted a five-digit code. Once you have selected your ITF team, you may enter it by post or telephone, using the entry form below. Then it is down to your players to score the points to take you to the top of the selectors' league. All matches from Saturday August 17 in the FA Carling Premiership, the Bell's Scottish League premier division and those in the FA Cup involving Premiership clubs and the Tennents Scottish Cup involving premier division clubs will count.

But how should you choose your team? The essential rules are that you cannot have more than two individuals (two players or one player and the manager) from any one club in your team, you may not pick the same player twice and that you must *not* exceed your budget of £35 million. For example, if you select as your strikers the Liverpool pairing of Stan Collymore and Robbie Fowler, that will take up your Liverpool allocation. If, however, one of your selected midfield players, say Paul Gascoigne, leaves Rangers to join Liverpool, you will then have three at the Anfield club — but you need not worry. ITF has an active transfer system, which is in operation from Saturday August 17 and you will be able to adjust your team accordingly. You must replace the outgoing player with one from the same category (a full back with a full back) and keep within your £35 million budget. Equally, if one of your players is transferred out of the Premiership or Scottish League premier division, he is no longer eligible for ITF. Any players from outside the Premiership or Scottish League premier division that are transferred to clubs playing in the top level during the season will become available for transfer.

You have almost two weeks in which to enter a team and you may enter as many times as you like. Postal entries will start scoring as soon as they are processed and telephone entries made by 12 noon will start scoring from matches played on that day onwards.

Your players and manager will win *and* lose you points. Points are awarded depending on every goal scored and conceded with three points earned for a goalkeeper or defender (full back and central defender) scoring a goal, two points for a midfield player or striker scoring, three points for a defender keeping a clean sheet (not letting in a goal), four points for a goalkeeper maintaining a clean sheet, one point for a midfield player keeping a clean sheet and all players receive one point for appearing in a match (providing they play for 45 minutes in that game). Any player scoring a *hat-trick will receive six* bonus points. To secure points for a clean sheet, a player must have played for at least 75 *minutes in that match.*

Points will be deducted for every goal a defender concedes (one), every goal a goalkeeper concedes (two), every booking a player receives (one), every time a player is sent off (three) and a point each for a penalty conceded by a player, a penalty missed and every own goal scored by a player.

If you have selected Kevin Keegan as your manager, you will earn three points if Newcastle United win, one point if they draw and have a point docked if they lose. If Keegan was dismissed or moved to a club outside the Premiership or Scottish League premier division, you would have to buy a new manager for your team.

There are two methods by which you may enter:

By post: fill in the entry form on pages 6 and 7 (there is a step-by-step guide provided) showing the team in formation (photocopies are not acceptable) and send it with a cheque or postal order for £2 payable to *The Times* Interactive Team Football to Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1ZZ to arrive by noon on Saturday, August 17. You will receive a letter of confirmation and notification of your Personal Identification Number (PIN) and team. The entry fee for registrations outside the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland is £5.

By telephone: using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone, call **0891 405 011** to *record your team* following the simple step-by-step instructions. Calls will be charged at 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. Each call will last about eight minutes but will cost approximately double from a pay phone. The registration line for readers entering from the Republic of Ireland is **004 4990 100 320**. Each player you enter will be confirmed on the telephone after you have completed your selection and the selector given a PIN.

All ITF queries should be directed to 01582 488 122.

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WIN A UNIQUE SOUVENIR OF EURO 96

A moment of history was made in Euro 96 when Gary and Philip Neville became the first brothers since the Charltons to be selected for England. To celebrate this event we have 20 Mitre footballs and 50 England shirts signed by the brothers to give away to players who enter *The Times* ITF by Friday August 16, 1996. The winners will be selected at random and notified by August 30. No purchase necessary.

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PLAY ITF ON-LINE

Play on-line to win all the great ITF prizes, including the £50,000 first prize. Plus play for special Internet prizes, such as the £1,000 top prize and the £250 monthly prize. You can also check your position in the internet league instantly, on-line

HOW TO PLAY

1. Enter *The Times* Internet Edition at http://www.the-times.co.uk
2. Look for the special ITF button.
3. Entry on-line costs £7.50, payable only by credit card. This allows you to make transfers for the entire season.

COMPETE IN A LEAGUE WITH YOUR FRIENDS — NEW ITF MINI LEAGUES

This season you and your friends can compete directly against each other in your own ITF Mini-League all you need are four or more people (up to a maximum of 100) and a nominated chairperson.

A Mini-League is simple to set up and costs only £2.50 extra. A Mini-League may only be entered by post. Each player must enclose his or her ITF application form in the normal way (see entry instructions on these pages).

All payments and entry forms must be in the same envelope along with the attached form and your additional £2.50, payable to *The Times* Interactive Team Football, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1ZZ. You cannot add members to your Mini-League after your initial entry.

The fee is £5 sterling for a Mini-League for entrants outside the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Further details are available from 01582 488122.

Each month, a letter will be sent to the chairperson showing the position of all entrants in their Mini-League.

MINI LEAGUE ENTRY FORM

I enclose all team entries in the same envelope along with an additional cheque/postal order for £2.50.
Please set up my Mini-League.

Chairperson's name ....

Mini-League name ....

I enclose .... entry forms with £2 entry fee each, plus an extra £2.50 to set up my mini league.

Total payment £ ....

THE TIMES ITF

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HOW TO PLAY

You have £35 million to spend on a team of 11 players and a manager

You must pick

- 1 GOALKEEPER
- 2 CENTRAL DEFENDERS
- 2 STRIKERS
- 2 FULL BACKS
- 4 MIDFIELD PLAYERS
- 1 MANAGER

Choose your players and manager from the Interactive Team Football category lists (which include code numbers and values). The total value of your 11 players and manager must not exceed £35 million.

You must not pick more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club and no player can be picked twice.

Your players and manager accumulate points in all 1996-97 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup from Saturday August 17 onwards. Every goal they score or concede counts towards your total. The team with the most points at the end of the season will win the £50,000 first prize. You may enter as many teams as you like.

HOW TO ENTER BY POST

Fill in the entry form on the ball, right (photocopies are not acceptable) and send it with a cheque or postal order for £2 payable to The Times Interactive Team Football to Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 1ZZ. The entry fee for registrations outside the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland is £5, which may only be made by post.

Postal entries must be received prior to Saturday August 17 and telephone entries must be made by 12 noon on Saturday August 17 in order to start scoring from the beginning of the season. Postal entrants will receive a letter of confirmation and notification of their Personal Identification Number (PIN) and team.

HOW TO ENTER BY TELEPHONE

You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You cannot enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. You can enter your team by dialling 0891 405 011 (from the Republic of Ireland you must dial 004 4990 100 320).

Then follow the simple step-by-step instructions. Listen carefully and take your time. The recorded message will ask you to tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your chosen players and your manager in the following order: the goalkeeper, the two full backs, the two central defenders, the four midfield players, the two strikers and the manager.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address (with postcode) and daytime telephone number. Finally, you will be given a ten-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use The Times Interactive Team Football form, right, to record your selections and your PIN. Calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. Each call will last about eight minutes. Each player you enter will be confirmed on the telephone after you have completed each selection. You will be notified of your PIN at the end of the call. No postal notification will be sent.

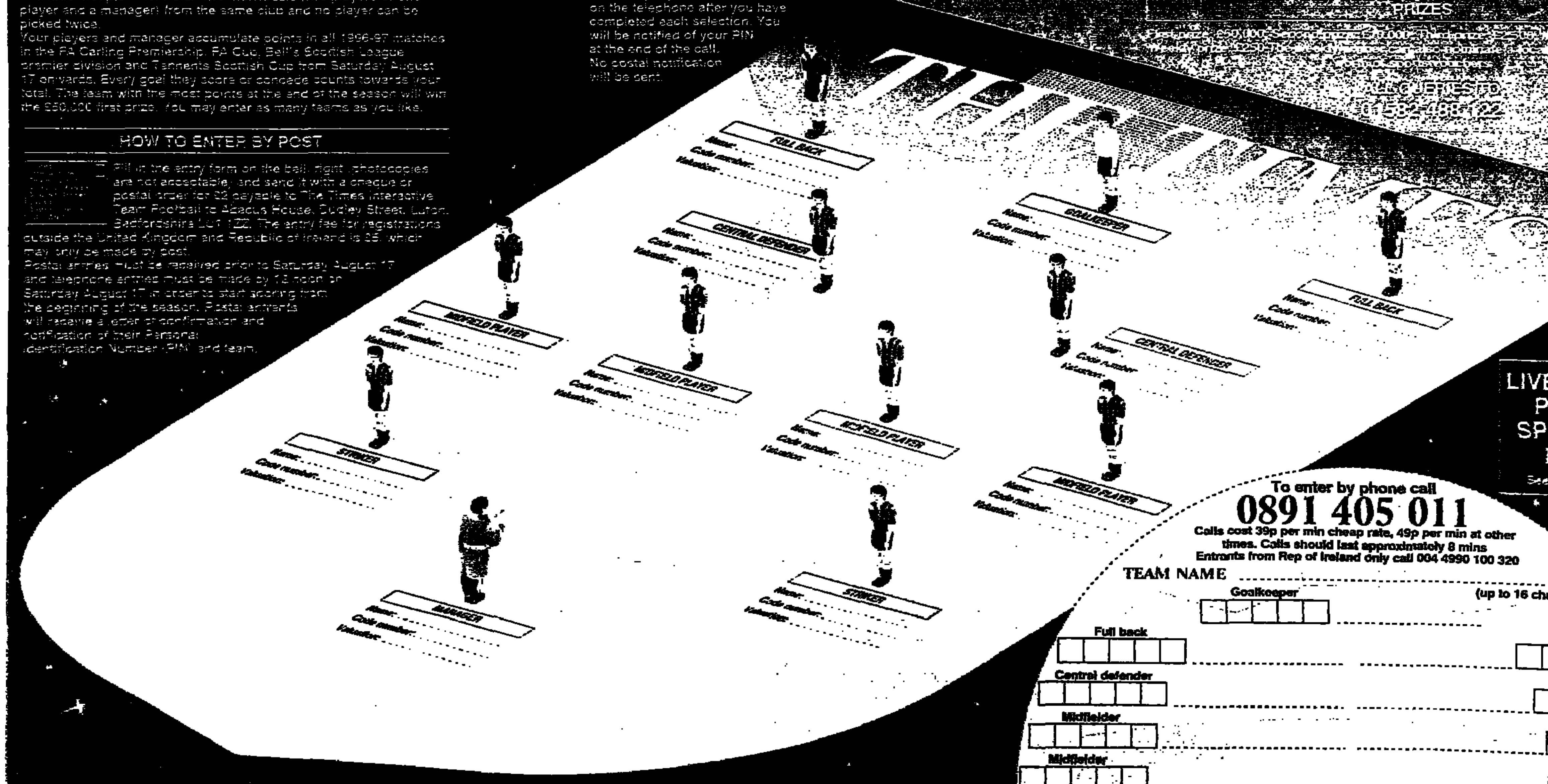
HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

Interactive Team Football has an active transfer system to allow you to respond to changes in form and fitness and to players moving in and out of the Premiership and Scottish League premier division. You may transfer up to two individuals (player or manager) during a transfer period but you must keep to the team format (ie a full back must be replaced by a full back and no more than two individuals from the same club) and you must keep within the £35 million budget. If a player moves teams during the season and it affects the composition of your team, you must act (ie if you have two Arsenal players and one of your other players moves to Arsenal, you will have three players from the same club and will need to adjust it). You should use the transfer line to correct the situation to avoid missing out on points. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form. The transfer line number is 0891 856 962 (from the Republic of Ireland and outside the United Kingdom it is 44 990 200 668). The line opens at 6am on Saturday August 17 and from then up to midnight on Monday August 19 you may make two changes. If you wish to make last-minute changes to your team, to be effective for that Saturday's matches, you must make them by 12 noon on Saturday August 17. The transfer week then runs from 00.01 on Tuesdays to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before 12 noon on any day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after 12 noon will become effective for matches played after 12 noon the following day. You may only make a transfer by telephone. You will need your PIN. New players score points when his transfer is registered.

PRIZES

First prize £50,000 [illegible]

QUERIES TO 01582 488 122



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To enter by phone call
0891 405 011
Calls cost 39p per min cheap rate, 49p per min at other times. Calls should last approximately 8 mins
Entrants from Rep of Ireland only call 004 4990 100 320

TEAM NAME .... (up to 16 characters)

Goalkeeper ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Full back ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Full back ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Central defender ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Central defender ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Strikers ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Strikers ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

Manager ☐☐☐☐☐ ....

PIN ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Name ....

Address ....

.... Postcode .... Daytime telephone no ....

Send your entries (with £2 entry fee) entrants outside the UK or Rep of Ireland (£5 sterling) to: The Times Interactive Team Football, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 1ZZ

Which age group are you ? (TICK BOX)
(1) 15-24 ☐ (2) 25-34 ☐
(3) 35-44 ☐ (4) 45-54 ☐
(5) 55-64 ☐ (6) 65+ ☐

Which daily newspaper(s) do you buy?
(a) regularly ....
(b) occasionally ....

If you do not wish to receive other offers from The Times please tick this box. ☐

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS

All 1996-97 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper	
Keeps clean sheet†	4pts
Scores goal	3pts
Saves penalty	1pt
Full backs/Central defender	
Keeps clean sheet†	3pts
Scores goal	3pts
Midfield player	
Keeps clean sheet†	1pt
Scores goal	2pts
Striker	
Scores goal	2pts
All players	
Appearance*	1pt
Scores hat-trick	6pts
Manager	
Team wins	3pts
Team draws	1pt

†must have played for 75 minutes in the match
*must have played for 45 minutes in the match

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper	
Concedes goal	2pts
Full backs/Central defender	
Concedes goal	1pt
Manager	
Team loses	1pt
All players	
Sent off	3pts
Booked	1pt
Concedes penalty	1pt
Misses penalty	1pt
Scores own goal	1pt

EXAMPLE

Your midfield players scores three goals (3 x 2pts plus 6pt bonus = 12pts), is booked (minus 1pt), misses a penalty (minus 1pt) and plays throughout (1pt) in a 3-0 win (clean sheet = 1pt). He has scored 12 points in that match.

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Study the list of players and their values and pick an ITF team to beat the best

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
10101	Michael Watt	Aberdeen	1.50
10201	David Seaman	Arsenal	5.00
10202	Vince Bartram	Arsenal	0.75
10203	John Lukic	Arsenal	0.75
10301	Mark Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50
10302	Michael Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00
10401	Tim Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
10402	Shay Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00
10501	Gordon Marshall	Celtic	3.50
10601	Dmitri Kharine	Chelsea	2.50
10602	Kevin Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00
10701	Steve Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50
[illegible]702	John Filan	Coventry City	0.50
10801	Martin Taylor	Derby County	1.00
10802	Russell Hoult	Derby County	1.00
10803	Steve Sutton	Derby County	0.50
10901	Ally Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50
11001	Ian Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50
11101	Neville Southall	Everton	2.50
11102	Jason Kearton	Everton	0.50
11103	Paul Gerrard	Everton	2.50
11201	Gilles Rousset	Hearts	2.00
11301	Jim Leighton	Hibernian	1.50
11401	Dragoje Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00
11501	Mark Beeney	Leeds United	1.50
11502	Paul Evans	Leeds United	0.25
11503	Nigel Martyn	Leeds United	2.50
11601	Kevin Poole	Leicester City	1.00
11602	Zeljko Kalac	Leicester City	0.50
11701	David James	Liverpool	5.00
11702	Tony Warner	Liverpool	0.50
11801	Peter Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00
11802	Raimond van der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00
11901	Gary Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50
[illegible]1902	Alan Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50
12001	Scott Howie	Motherwell	1.50
12101	Shaka Hislop	Newcastle United	4.00
12102	Pavel Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00
12201	Mark Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50
12202	Alan Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75
12203	Tommy Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75
12301	Scott Y Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50
12401	Andy Goram	Rangers	5.00
12501	Kevin Pressman	Sheffield Wed	2.00
12601	Dave Beasant	Southampton	1.00
12602	Neil Moss	Southampton	0.25
11803	Tony Coton	Sunderland	1.00
12801	Ian Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50
12901	Ludek Miklosko	West Ham United	2.00
12902	Steve Mautone	West Ham United	0.50
13001	Neil Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00
13002	Paul Heald	Wimbledon	1.00

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
20101	Stewart McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00
20102	Gary Smith	Aberdeen	1.50
20201	Lee Dixon	Arsenal	3.00
[illegible]02	Nigel Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00
20203	Steve Morrow	Arsenal	1.00
20301	Steve Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00
20302	Alan Wright	Aston Villa	3.00
20303	Gary Charles	Aston Villa	2.50
20304	Phil King	Aston Villa	0.25
20305	Fernando Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00
20401	Henning Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
20402	Graeme Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
20403	Jeff Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
20404	Gary Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50
20501	Jackie McNamara	Celtic	3.00
20502	Tosh McKinlay	Celtic	3.00
20601	Dan Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00
20602	Steve Clarke	Chelsea	2.00
20603	Terry Phelan	Chelsea	2.00
20604	Scott Minto	Chelsea	1.00
20605	Anthony Barness	Chelsea	0.50
20701	David Burrows	Coventry City	1.50
20703	Brian Borrows	Coventry City	1.00
20704	Marcus Hall	Coventry City	1.00
20801	Chris Powell	Derby County	1.50
20802	Dean Yates	Derby County	1.00
20803	Jason Kavanagh	Derby County	0.25
20901	Maurice Malpas	Dundee United	1.00
20902	Mark Perry	Dundee United	0.50
21001	Colin Miller	Dunfermline	0.25
21002	Andy Tod	Dunfermline	0.25
21101	Marc Hottiger	Everton	2.50
21102	Andy Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00
21103	Earl Barrett	Everton	1.50
21104	Matt Jackson	Everton	1.00
21201	Gary Locke	Hearts	2.00
21202	Neil Pointon	Hearts	1.00
21301	Willie Miller	Hibernian	1.00
21302	Andy Dow	Hibernian	1.00
21401	Tom Black	Kilmarnock	0.75
21402	Gus MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50
21501	Gary Kelly	Leeds United	3.00
21502	Tony Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50
21503	Paul Beesley	Leeds United	0.50
21601	Mike Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50
21602	Simon Grayson	Leicester City	0.50
21603	Neil Lewis	Leicester City	0.50
21604	Frank Rolling	Leicester City	0.25
21701	Rob Jones	Liverpool	3.00
21702	Steve Harkness	Liverpool	1.50
21703	Stig Inge Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50
21704	Phil Charnock	Liverpool	0.25
21801	Denis Irwin	Manchester United	4.00
21802	Gary Neville	Manchester United	3.00
21803	Phil Neville	Manchester United	3.00
21901	Neil Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50
21902	Branco	Middlesbrough	1.50
21903	Chris Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50
21904	Curtis Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75
21905	Clayton Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25
22001	Rob McKinnon	Motherwell	1.00
22002	Stephen McMillan	Motherwell	0.50
22101	Warren Barton	Newcastle United	3.00
[illegible]02	Steve Watson	Newcastle United	3.00
22103	Robbie Elliott	Newcastle United	2.50
22104	John Beresford	Newcastle United	2.50
22201	Stuart Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00
22202	Des Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	2.00
22203	Alf Inge Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00
22204	Nikola Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00
22301	Paul Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75
22302	Davie Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50
22401	David Robertson	Rangers	2.50
22402	John Brown	Rangers	2.00
22501	Ian Nolan	Sheffield Wed	1.50
22502	Peter Atherton	Sheffield Wed	1.50
22503	Steve Nicol	Sheffield Wed	1.00
22504	Dejan Stefanovic	Sheffield Wed	1.00
22505	Lee Briscoe	Sheffield Wed	0.50
22601	Jason Dodd	Southampton	1.50
22602	Francis Benali	Southampton	0.75
22603	Simon Charlton	Southampton	0.75
22701	Dariusz Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50
22702	Martin Scott	Sunderland	0.50
22703	Gareth Hall	Sunderland	0.25
22801	Dean Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
22802	Clive Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
22803	Justin Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00
22804	David Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
22901	Julian Dicks	West Ham United	4.00
22902	Tim Breacker	West Ham United	1.00
22903	Keith Rowland	West Ham United	1.00
22904	Mark Bowen	West Ham United	1.00
22905	Kenny Brown	West Ham United	0.50
23001	Ben Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50
23002	Alan Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75
23003	Ken Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75
23004	Duncan Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75
23005	Gary Elkins	Wimbledon	0.25
23006	Chris Perry	Wimbledon	0.25

Cantona will play a big part in Manchester United's attempt to regain the title. But is he worth £8.5m in ITF?

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
30101	Brian Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00
30102	Colin Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50
30201	Tony Adams	Arsenal	4.00
30202	Steve Bould	Arsenal	3.00
30203	Martin Keown	Arsenal	3.00
30204	Andy Linighan	Arsenal	1.00
30205	Scott Marshall	Arsenal	1.00
30301	Gareth Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50
30302	Ugo Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00
30303	Paul McGrath	Aston Villa	2.50
30304	Carl Tiler	Aston Villa	1.00
30305	Ricardo Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00
30401	Colin Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00
30402	Ian Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
30403	Chris Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
30404	Nicky Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50
30501	Tommy Boyd	Celtic	3.00
30502	Malky MacKay	Celtic	1.50
30601	Michael Duberry	Chelsea	2.50
30602	Franck LeBoeuf	Chelsea	2.50
30603	Frank Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00
30604	David Lee	Chelsea	2.00
30605	Andy Myers	Chelsea	1.50
30606	Erland Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50
30607	Jakob Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	0.50
30701	Liam Daish	Coventry City	2.00
30702	Richard Shaw	Coventry City	1.50
30703	David Busst	Coventry City	1.00
30801	Igor Stimac	Derby County	2.50
30802	Darren Wassall	Derby County	1.00
30803	Jacob Laursen	Derby County	1.00
30804	Matthew Carbon	Derby County	0.50
30901	Steven Pressley	Dundee United	1.00
30902	Brian Welsh	Dundee United	0.75
31001	Marc Millar	Dunfermline	0.75
31002	Ivo den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75
31101	David Unsworth	Everton	2.50
31102	Dave Watson	Everton	2.50
31103	Craig Short	Everton	2.00
31201	Dave McPherson	Hearts	1.00
31202	Paul Ritchie	Hearts	1.00
31301	Joe McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50
31302	Gordon Hunter	Hibernian	0.50
31401	Mark Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00
31402	Ray Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75
31501	David Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50
31502	Richard Jobson	Leeds United	1.00
31503	Lucas Radebe	Leeds United	1.00
31504	John Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50
31601	Steve Walsh	Leicester City	1.00
31602	Julian Watts	Leicester City	1.00
31603	Pontus Kamaark	Leicester City	0.50
31701	Phil Babb	Liverpool	3.50
31702	John Scales	Liverpool	3.50
31703	Mark Wright	Liverpool	3.50
31704	Neil Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00
31705	Dominic Matteo	Liverpool	1.00
31801	Gary Pallister	Manchester United	3.50
31802	David May	Manchester United	3.00
31803	Ronnie Johnsen	Manchester United	2.50
31901	Nigel Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50
31902	Steve Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50
31903	Derek Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50
31904	Phil Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75
32001	Brian Martin	Motherwell	1.50
32002	Michel van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75
32101	Philippe Albert	Newcastle United	4.50
32102	Steve Howey	Newcastle United	3.00
32103	Darren Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00
32201	Colin Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00
32202	Steve Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50
32302	Shaun Dennis	Raith Rovers	1.00
32401	Richard Gough	Rangers	3.50
32402	Alan McLaren	Rangers	3.00
32501	Jon Newsome	Sheffield Wed	2.00
32502	Des Walker	Sheffield Wed	1.50
32503	Brian Linighan	Sheffield Wed	0.25
32601	Ken Monkou	Southampton	1.50
32602	Alan Neilson	Southampton	1.00
32701	Andrew Melville	Sunderland	1.00
32702	Kevin Ball	Sunderland	1.00
32703	Richard Ord	Sunderland	0.50
32801	Sol Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50
32802	Colin Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50
32803	Gary Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
32804	Jason Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
32805	Kevin Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
32806	Stuart Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
32901	Slaven Bilic	West Ham United	2.50
32902	Marc Rieper	West Ham United	2.50
32903	Steve Potts	West Ham United	2.00
32904	Richard Hall	West Ham United	1.50
32905	Rio Ferdinand	West Ham United	0.50
32906	Adrian Whitbread	West Ham United	0.25
33001	Alan Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00
33002	Andy Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75
33003	Andy Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75
33004	Dean Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50
33005	Brian McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50
33006	Scott Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.25

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
40101	Dean Windass	Aberdeen	3.00
40102	Stephen Glass	Aberdeen	3.00
40103	Paul Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50
40104	Ilian Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50
40201	David Platt	Arsenal	4.50
40202	Paul Merson	Arsenal	4.00
40203	Ray Parlour	Arsenal	2.00
40204	Glenn Helder	Arsenal	1.50
40205	Ian Selley	Arsenal	0.50
40206	David Hillier	Arsenal	0.50
40207	Eddie McGoldrick	Arsenal	0.50
40301	Mark Draper	Aston Villa	4.00
40302	Andy Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50
40303	Ian Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50
40304	Gareth Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00
40305	Franz Carr	Aston Villa	0.50
40401	Jason Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00
40402	Lars Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	3.50
40403	Garry Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
40404	Billy McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
40405	Tim Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
40406	Paul Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50
40407	George Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50
40408	Stuart Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	1.00
40409	Matt Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	0.75
40501	Paul McStay	Celtic	3.00
40502	Andreas Thom	Celtic	2.50
40503	Simon Donnelly	Celtic	2.50
40504	Peter Grant	Celtic	1.50
40601	Ruud Gullit	Chelsea	3.50
40602	Dennis Wise	Chelsea	3.00
40603	Gavin Peacock	Chelsea	2.50
40604	Craig Burley	Chelsea	2.00
40605	Eddie Newton	Chelsea	2.00
40607	David Rocastle	Chelsea	0.50
40608	Roberto di Matteo	Chelsea	3.00
41501	Gary McAllister	Coventry City	5.50
40701	John Salako	Coventry City	2.50
40702	Eoin Jess	Coventry City	2.00
40703	Kevin Richardson	Coventry City	1.50
40704	Paul Telfer	Coventry City	1.50
40705	Paul Williams	Coventry City	1.50
40706	Isaias	Coventry City	0.50
40707	Willie Boland	Coventry City	0.25
40708	Michael O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50
40801	Aljosa Asanovic	Derby County	2.00
40802	Paul Simpson	Derby County	1.50
40803	Robin van der Laan	Derby County	1.50
40804	Darryl Powell	Derby County	1.00
40805	Sean Flynn	Derby County	0.75
40806	David Preece	Derby County	0.50
40807	Gary Rowett	Derby County	0.50
40808	Paul Trollope	Derby County	0.50
40809	Christian Dailly	Derby County	1.50
40901	Gary McSwegan	Dundee United	2.00
40902	Robbie Winters	Dundee United	1.50
40903	Grant Johnson	Dundee United	1.00
40904	David Bowman	Dundee United	0.75
41001	Hamish French	Dunfermline	1.00
41002	Craig Robertson	Dunfermline	1.00
41003	Andy Smith	Dunfermline	0.75
41004	Derek Fleming	Dunfermline	0.50
41101	Andrei Kanchelskis	Everton	7.00
41102	Gary Speed	Everton	4.00
41103	John Ebbrell	Everton	1.50
41104	Joe Parkinson	Everton	1.50
41105	Anders Limpar	Everton	1.50
41106	Tony Grant	Everton	0.50
41107	Vinnie Samways	Everton	0.50
41201	Alan Johnston	Hearts	2.50
41202	Allan McManus	Hearts	1.50
41203	Steve Fulton	Hearts	1.00
41204	Neil Berry	Hearts	0.50
41301	Kevin McAllister	Hibernian	1.50
41302	Pat McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50
41303	Graeme Love	Hibernian	0.75
41304	Andy Millen	Hibernian	0.50
41401	Ally Mitchell	Kilmarnock	1.00
41402	Jim McIntyre	Kilmarnock	1.00
41403	Mark Skilling	Kilmarnock	0.75
41404	Jim Lauchlan	Kilmarnock	0.50
41502	Lee Bowyer	Leeds United	3.00
41503	Andy Gray	Leeds United	2.50
41504	Carlton Palmer	Leeds United	2.00
41505	Rod Wallace	Leeds United	1.50
41506	Ian Harte	Leeds United	1.00
41507	Mark Ford	Leeds United	0.50
41508	Andy Couzens	Leeds United	0.50
41509	Mark Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50
40606	Muzzy Izzet	Leicester City	1.00
41601	Neil Lennon	Leicester City	2.00
41602	Garry Parker	Leicester City	2.00
41603	Scott Taylor	Leicester City	2.00
41604	Jamie Lawrence	Leicester City	0.25
41701	Steve McManaman	Liverpool	7.00
41702	Jason McAteer	Liverpool	4.00
41703	Jamie Redknapp	Liverpool	4.00
41704	John Barnes	Liverpool	3.00
41705	Mark Thomas	Liverpool	2.50
41706	Mark Kennedy	Liverpool	1.00
41801	Ryan Giggs	Manchester United	7.00
41802	Roy Keane	Manchester United	4.50
41803	David Beckham	Manchester United	4.00
41804	Nicky Butt	Manchester United	3.50
41805	Lee Sharpe	Manchester United	3.50
41806	Brian McClair	Manchester United	1.50
41807	Terry Cooke	Manchester United	1.00
41808	Ben Thornley	Manchester United	1.00
41809	Simon Davies	Manchester United	0.50
41810	Jordi Cruyff	Manchester United	2.50
41811	Karel Poborsky	Manchester United	4.00
41901	Emerson	Middlesbrough	3.50
41902	Juninho	Middlesbrough	3.50
41903	Craig Hignett	Middlesbrough	2.00
41904	Jamie Pollock	Middlesbrough	2.00
41905	Alan Moore	Middlesbrough	1.00
41906	Robbie Mustoe	Middlesbrough	1.00
41907	Graham Kavanagh	Middlesbrough	0.50
41908	Craig Liddle	Middlesbrough	0.50
41909	Bryan Robson	Middlesbrough	0.50
41910	Phil Stamp	Middlesbrough	0.50
42001	Chris McCart	Motherwell	2.00
42002	John Philliben	Motherwell	1.00
42003	Jimmy Dolan	Motherwell	1.00
42004	John Hendry	Motherwell	0.75
42101	David Ginola	Newcastle United	5.50
42102	Robert Lee	Newcastle United	5.50
42103	Keith Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.50
42104	David Batty	Newcastle United	3.00
42105	Lee Clark	Newcastle United	3.00
42106	Chris Holland	Newcastle United	0.50
42201	Ian Woan	Nottingham Forest	4.50
42202	Steve Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00
42203	Scot Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.50
42204	Chris Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	2.00
42205	David Phillips	Nottingham Forest	1.00
42301	Tony Rougier	Raith Rovers	2.00
42302	Danny Lennon	Raith Rovers	1.00
42303	Jim McInally	Raith Rovers	0.75
42304	Scott Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50
42401	Paul Gascoigne	Rangers	7.00
42402	Brian Laudrup	Rangers	5.00
42403	Stuart McCall	Rangers	2.00
42404	Trevor Steven	Rangers	1.50
42501	Regi Blinker	Sheffield Wed	2.50
42502	Mark Pembridge	Sheffield Wed	1.50
42503	John Sheridan	Sheffield Wed	1.50
42504	Graham Hyde	Sheffield Wed	1.50
42505	Chris Waddle	Sheffield Wed	1.50
42506	Michael Williams	Sheffield Wed	0.50
42507	Ryan Jones	Sheffield Wed	0.50
42601	Jim Magilton	Southampton	2.50
42602	Neil Heaney	Southampton	1.00
42604	Barry Venison	Southampton	1.00
42606	David Hughes	Southampton	0.50
42607	Matthew Oakley	Southampton	0.50
42608	Paul Tisdale	Southampton	0.50
42609	Matt Robinson	Southampton	0.25
42610	Graham Potter	Southampton	0.50
42701	Michael Gray	Sunderland	2.50
42702	Steve Agnew	Sunderland	1.50
42703	Alex Rae	Sunderland	1.50
42704	Paul Bracewell	Sunderland	0.75
42801	Darren Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	5.50
42802	Ruel Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00
42803	David Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
42804	Jason Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
42805	Andy Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50
42806	Ronnie Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50
42807	Gerry McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
42808	Andy Turner	Tottenham Hotspur	0.25
42809	Allan Nielsen	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50
42901	Paolo Futre	West Ham United	3.50
42902	Ian Bishop	West Ham United	2.00
42903	Michael Hughes	West Ham United	2.00
42904	Danny Williamson	West Ham United	1.50
42905	John Moncur	West Ham United	1.50
42906	Robbie Slater	West Ham United	1.00
42907	Stan Lazarides	West Ham United	0.25
43001	Robbie Earle	Wimbledon	4.00
43002	Oyvind Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50
43003	Marcus Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00
43004	Vinnie Jones	Wimbledon	1.50
43005	Neil Ardley	Wimbledon	0.50
43006	Stewart Castledine	Wimbledon	0.50
43007	Paul Fear	Wimbledon	0.25

STRIKERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
50101	Scott Booth	Aberdeen	4.50
50102	Duncan Shearer	Aberdeen	3.00
50201	Ian Wright	Arsenal	7.00
50202	Dennis Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.00
50203	John Hartson	Arsenal	3.50
50204	Paul Dickov	Arsenal	0.75
50205	Chris Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50
50301	Dwight Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50
50302	Savo Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00
50303	Tommy Johnson	Aston Villa	4.00
50304	Julian Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00
50402	Kevin Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
50404	Chris Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
50405	Graham Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
50406	Niklas Gudmundsson	Blackburn Rovers	1.00
50501	Pierre van Hooijdonk	Celtic	7.00
50502	Jorge Cadete	Celtic	6.00
50601	Gianluca Vialli	Chelsea	5.00
50602	Mark Hughes	Chelsea	4.00
50603	John Spencer	Chelsea	4.00
50605	Mark Stein	Chelsea	0.50
50701	Noel Whelan	Coventry City	6.00
50702	Dion Dublin	Coventry City	5.00
50703	Peter Ndlovu	Coventry City	3.00
50801	Dean Sturridge	Derby County	3.00
50802	Marco Gabbiadini	Derby County	2.00
50803	Ashley Ward	Derby County	2.00
50804	Ron Willems	Derby County	1.00
50901	Craig Brewster	Dundee United	3.00
50902	Owen Coyle	Dundee United	2.00
51001	Alan Moore	Dunfermline	2.00
51002	Stewart Petrie	Dunfermline	2.00
51101	Duncan Ferguson	Everton	6.00
51102	Graham Stuart	Everton	3.00
51104	Paul Rideout	Everton	2.00
51201	John Robertson	Hearts	3.50
51202	Colin Cameron	Hearts	3.50
51301	Keith Wright	Hibernian	3.00
51302	Darren Jackson	Hibernian	3.00
51401	Paul Wright	Kilmarnock	3.00
51402	Steve Maskrey	Kilmarnock	2.50
51501	Tony Yeboah	Leeds United	7.00
51502	Ian Rush	Leeds United	3.50
51503	Tomas Brolin	Leeds United	2.50
51504	Brian Deane	Leeds United	2.00
51601	Steve Claridge	Leicester City	2.50
51602	Emile Heskey	Leicester City	2.00
51603	Mark Robins	Leicester City	0.75
51701	Robbie Fowler	Liverpool	9.00
51702	Stan Collymore	Liverpool	8.00
51801	Eric Cantona	Manchester United	8.50
51802	Paul Scholes	Manchester United	5.00
51803	Andy Cole	Manchester United	4.50
51804	Ole Gunnar Solskjaer	Manchester United	3.00
51901	Nicky Barmby	Middlesbrough	4.00
51902	Jan Aage Fjortoft	Middlesbrough	2.50
51903	John Hendrie	Middlesbrough	0.75
51904	Jaime Moreno	Middlesbrough	0.50
51905	Fabrizio Ravanelli	Middlesbrough	5.00
52001	Tommy Coyne	Motherwell	2.00
52002	Doug Arnott	Motherwell	1.50
50401	Alan Shearer	Newcastle United	10.00
52101	Les Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.50
52102	Faustino Asprilla	Newcastle United	6.50
52103	Peter Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00
52104	Paul Kitson	Newcastle United	1.50
52105	Darren Huckerby	Newcastle United	0.50
52201	Dean Saunders	Nottingham Forest	3.50
52202	Bryan Roy	Nottingham Forest	3.00
52203	Paul McGregor	Nottingham Forest	1.50
52204	Kevin Campbell	Nottingham Forest	1.50
52205	Jason Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50
52206	Steven Howe	Nottingham Forest	0.50
52207	Andrea Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	0.50
52301	Peter Duffield	Raith Rovers	2.00
52401	Gordon Durie	Rangers	6.00
52402	Erik Bo Andersen	Rangers	5.00
52403	Ally McCoist	Rangers	5.00
52501	David Hirst	Sheffield Wed	3.00
52502	Andy Booth	Sheffield Wed	2.50
52503	Mark Bright	Sheffield Wed	1.50
52504	Guy Whittingham	Sheffield Wed	1.50
52505	O'Neill Donaldson	Sheffield Wed	0.50
52601	Matthew Le Tissier	Southampton	7.00
52602	Neil Shipperley	Southampton	3.50
52603	Gordon Watson	Southampton	1.50
52604	Frankie Bennett	Southampton	0.25
52701	Paul Stewart	Sunderland	1.00
52702	Craig Russell	Sunderland	1.00
52703	David Kelly	Sunderland	1.00
52704	Lee Howey	Sunderland	0.50
52705	Michael Bridges	Sunderland	0.50
52706	Brett Angell	Sunderland	0.25
52707	Phil Gray	Sunderland	1.50
52801	Teddy Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	8.00
52802	Chris Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	7.00
52901	Florin Raducioiu	West Ham United	3.00
52902	Ilie Dumitrescu	West Ham United	2.50
52903	Iain Dowie	West Ham United	2.00
52904	Tony Cottee	West Ham United	2.00
52905	Steve Jones	West Ham United	1.50
53001	Dean Holdsworth	Wimbledon	3.00
53002	Efan Ekoku	Wimbledon	3.00
53003	John Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50
53004	Jason Euell	Wimbledon	0.75
53005	Andy Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75
53006	Mick Harford	Wimbledon	0.50
53007	Gary Blissett	Wimbledon	0.50

MANAGERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
60101	Roy Aitken	Aberdeen	2.50
60201	Bruce Rioch	Arsenal	3.50
60301	Brian Little	Aston Villa	3.50
60401	Ray Harford	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
60501	Tommy Burns	Celtic	4.00
60601	Ruud Gullit	Chelsea	2.50
60701	Ron Atkinson	Coventry City	1.50
60801	Jim Smith	Derby County	0.75
60901	Billy Kirkwood	Dundee United	0.50
61001	Bert Paton	Dunfermline	0.50
61101	Joe Royle	Everton	3.00
61201	Jim Jefferies	Hearts	2.00
61301	Alex Miller	Hibernian	1.00
61401	Alex Totten	Kilmarnock	0.75
61501	Howard Wilkinson	Leeds United	2.00
61601	Martin O'Neill	Leicester City	0.50
61701	Roy Evans	Liverpool	4.50
61801	Alex Ferguson	Manchester United	5.00
61901	Bryan Robson	Middlesbrough	2.00
62001	Alec McLeish	Motherwell	1.50
62101	Kevin Keegan	Newcastle United	4.50
62201	Frank Clark	Nottingham Forest	2.50
62301	Jimmy Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50
62401	Walter Smith	Rangers	5.00
62501	David Pleat	Sheffield Wed	1.50
62601	Graeme Souness	Southampton	0.50
62701	Peter Reid	Sunderland	0.50
62801	Gerry Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00
62901	Harry Redknapp	West Ham United	2.00
63001	Joe Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Post Office loses letters monopoly

■ The Post Office's monopoly on delivering letters was suspended for a month after union leaders announced four more one-day strikes to follow today's stoppage.

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, said that for the first time in 25 years, private companies would be allowed to deliver letters with a postage of less than £1. There are no plans for talks about the dispute and more strikes were announced for August 14, 22 and 30 and September 2........ **Page 1**

Benefit informants set lines buzzing

■ Hundreds of callers used the new national confidential "shop-a-benefit-cheat" telephone line within hours of its launch. More than 200 rang within the first 60 minutes of the service being set up by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary. The day's total was 1,650........ **Pages 1, 15**

Ringing the changes

Plans to introduce a new system of telephone codes just 16 months after the last major overhaul were criticised by consumers facing a multi-million pound bill to accomodate the changes... **Page 1**

March banned

Police in Belfast banned a loyalist parade from passing through a nationalist area of the city in the hope of reducing sectarian tensions during a weekend of contentious marches .... **Page 2**

Blair policy shift

Tony Blair is preparing to delay introduction of the Social Chapter and to abandon Labour's commitment to co-opting workers on to company boards in a radical shift of European policy... **Page 2**

Farmer shot burglar

A farmer who marked his property with a sign 'Never mind the dog, beware of the owner', fired at a burglar with a shotgun, a court was told .... **Page 3**

Highway robbery

Teenage muggers who terrorised Cambridge were jailed after a judge branded them modern-day highwaymen. Many victims were undergraduates .... **Page 3**

Cattle cull call

Beef farmers called for a radical extension of the cattle cull, including the option of slaughtering whole herds that have had a case of "mad cow" disease........ **Page 4**

Abortion dilemma

An obstetrician is refusing to tell a patient that anti-abortion organisations are offering her thousands of pounds if she decides against aborting one of her healthy unborn twins .... **Page 5**

Off the hooker

Prostitutes who persistently advertise in telephone boxes are to have all calls to their number blocked in an attempt to banish their cards, which are placed by £100-a-day "carders"........ **Page 6**

Roman Britain

Verulamium was every bit as prosperous as today's St Albans: it had exquisite mosaics, a fine theatre, hypocausts and what may have been Roman Britain's first public lavatory........ **Page 8**

Israeli peace plan

The Israeli Government has submitted a secret peace proposal to Syria via the United States last weekend and is hopeful of a positive reply .... **Page 9**

Dole tax carrot

Bob Dole called for $548 billion of tax cuts to galvanise his presidential campaign, including a 15 per cent across-the-board personal income tax cut........ **Page 10**

ANC audit rejected

The ANC has rejected a call for an independent audit of its finances after President Mandela was allegedly involved in a corruption scandal .... **Page 11**

Royal Mail delivers stamp controversy

■ A new Royal Mail set of stamps of "great 20th-century women" celebrating the sculptor Elisabeth Frink, the scientist Dorothy Hodgkin, the ballerina Margot Fonteyn, the author Daphne du Maurier and the sports administrator Marea Hartman brought protests from the worlds of writing, acting, music and publishing about better candidates .... **Page 1**

DAVID CHESKIN

Bob Champion on Aldaniti, with whom he won the Grand National, in the Mall on the last leg of his "Ride for Life" from the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh to Buckingham Palace. The three-week ride aims to raise £1 million for cancer research

BUSINESS

Interest hopes: An unexpected fall in industrial output during June resurrected hopes of an autumn interest rate cut........ **Page 23**

Banking: Shares in HSBC, owner *of Midland Bank, jumped 48p to* 1164p after the group unveiled better than expected half-year results .... **Page 23**

Newspapers: Pearson, the media and entertainment group, is to sell Westminster Press for £305 million to Newsquest Media, a British company backed by America's leading buyout firm........ **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 17.7 points to close at 3788.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 84.1 to 84.2 after a rise from $1.5425 to $1.5437 and from DM2.2795 to DM2.2865.... **Page 26**

SPORT

Olympic Games: Success at the Games will only come at a price as *standards improve. The Government must show more than a passing concern for the British display* in Atlanta .... **Page 44**

Cricket: Only 7,000 tickets have been sold for the first day on Thursday of the critical second Test match between England and Pakistan at Headingley........ **Page 44**

Golf: Laura Davies, of Britain, further enhanced her reputation on the world stage when won her fourth major championship in a whirlwind finish........ **Page 42**

Rugby union: Martin Offiah, who has signed to become a cross-code player, has been confirmed as a contender for the British Lions tour of South Africa .... **Page 42**

ARTS

Images of art: Intense, disturbing, compelling and intriguing: those are the words to describe the current show at Oxford's Museum of Modern Art........ **Page 30**

Cinematic aid: Geoff Brown has doubts about government proposals to fund the ailing British film industry through the National Lottery .... **Page 31**

Damp drama: Robin Lefevre's production of Brian Friel's *Translations* is on at the Abbey in Dublin, but it doesn't have the vigour or energy to impress........ **Page 31**

Music man: Mikhail Pletnev and his Russian National Orchestra, which boasts some of the country's greatest players, are coming to the Proms at the Albert Hall this week........ **Page 32**

BODY AND MIND

Mind Watching: The mystery of dreaming; the meaning of dreams; sit comfortably and meditate; can machines really think like *humans?*........ **Page 12**

Twice as good, twice as bad: *The joys and problems of coping with* twins must never be underestimated .... **Page 13**

Astonishing courage: Valentin Dikul broke his back in a circus accident. He worked out how to walk again and now helps others .... **Page 13**

LAW

Law unto themselves: Is the present age of criminal responsibility for children really doing them justice?........ **Page 33**

Woolf report: *His plans for streamlining the civil justice system may* actually end up increasing costs .... **Page 35**

Superlawyer: Can the new legal recruitment agencies that are springing up really provide what the law firms need? .... **Page 36**

THE PAPERS

The Atlanta Games were fun despite their rough edges and single *moment of profound sadness. Future Olympic Games may well* be every bit as big and bold and brassy. But step carefully. Big and bold is close to elephantine and inert. And as Atlanta showed, the Games are getting closer to that line every day — *USA Today*

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ FASHION

Winning looks: Iain R. Webb on no-sweat sportswear, the season's smartest style

■ PROPERTY

In search of the perfect middleman: your guide to Britain's top 40 estate agents

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Lady Alice Douglas attacks the shortcomings of the parole system in *War Cries: Knock Back* (Channel 4, 8.00pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond welcomes back *Out of the Blue*, the police drama series........ **Page 43**

OPINION

Losing out

Every fraud halted by the social security hotline will ensure that more money is available to maintain a civilized level of provision for the poor and insure each citizen against life's vicissitudes ... **Page 15**

Croatian roulette

President Tudjman has consistently outwitted European and United Nations negotiators. Mr Tudjman is a hard man, who has the political instincts of an autocrat. He needs to be addressed in similar language........ **Page 15**

Keep the lid on

Certain things are typical of London: red double-decker buses and telephone boxes, black taxi cabs and policemen in legionary helmets. They are efficient as well *as peculiar*........ ***Page 15***

COLUMNS

LIBBY PURVES

That oddly-composed body the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority has seemed to accept without question that the happiness of potential parents outweighs any mystical reverence for the processes of nature, or serious philosophical search for the moment when a human individual comes into being .... **Page 14**

ANATOLE KALETSKY

I can cut taxes and public spending at a stroke by £5 billion a year. Over time, I could reduce the State's role to an Asian-style 30 per cent of GDP without hurting a single public service........ **Page 14**

OBITUARIES

Geoff Hamilton, gardener; **Donovan Clibborn**, former Ambassador to El Salvador; **Mgr Pierre Claverie**, Bishop of Oran .. **Page 17**

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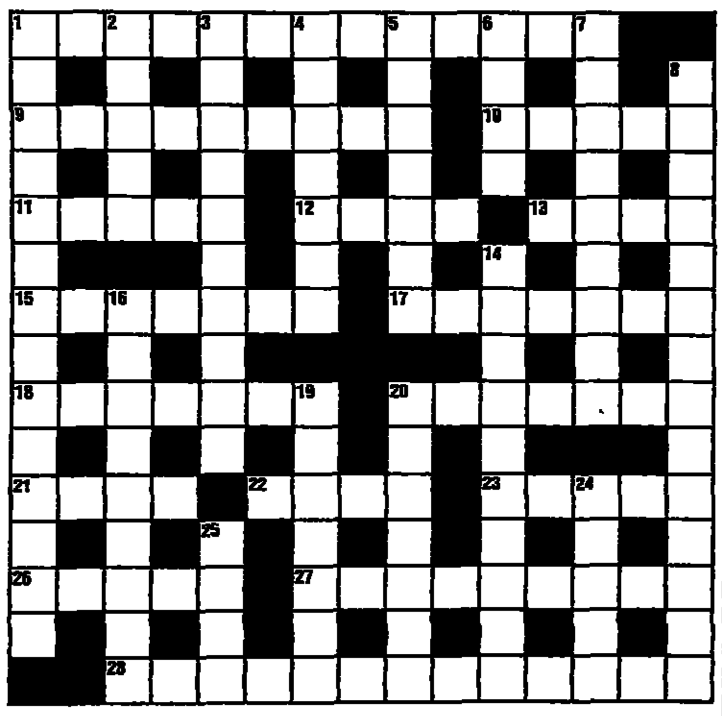

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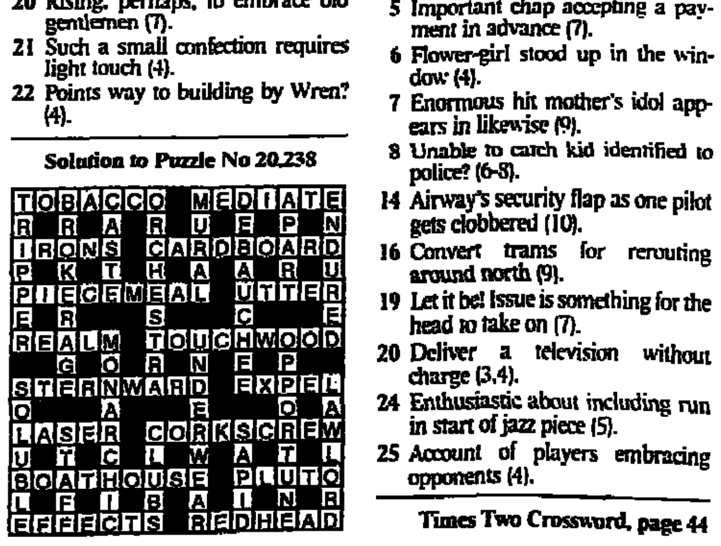
23 Outstanding triumph encompassed by own goal initially (5).
26 Flower gardener honestly displays (5).
27 Star court involved examiner (9).
28 Motorway part remained unappreciated (13).

DOWN

1 Baggy clothes for New Yorkers (14).
2 It may be liquid donkey consumed audibly (5).
3 Level passed — just (4-6).
4 Acquires understanding in depth (7).
5 Important chap accepting a payment in advance (7).
6 Flower-girl stood up in the window (4).
7 Enormous hit mother's idol appears in likewise (9).
8 Unable to catch kid identified to police? (6-8).
14 Airway's security flap as one pilot gets clobbered (10).
16 Convert trams for rerouting around north (9).
19 Let it be! Issue is something for the head to take on (7).
20 Deliver a television without charge (3,4).
24 Enthusiastic about including run in start of jazz piece (5).
25 Account of players embracing opponents (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,238



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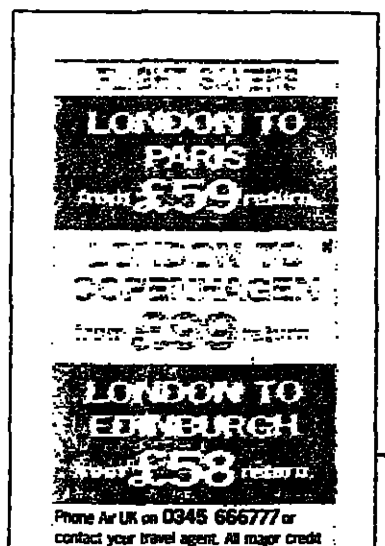
HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.32 am	Sun sets: 8.40 pm
Moon sets 2.19 pm	Moon rises -

Last quarter today

London 8.40 pm to 5.34 am
Bristol 8.49 pm to 5.44 am
Edinburgh 9.03 pm to 5.29 am
Manchester 8.55 pm to 5.35 am
Penzance 8.57 pm to 6.00 am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FORECAST

☐ **General:** a band of rain will move east across all parts of England and Wales. It will turn more showery from the west, but some of the showers could be heavy. Temperatures will be near normal.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have rain at times, occasionally heavy, but northeast Scotland and the Northern Isles should be dry. Northern Ireland will become drier later. Average temperatures.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** thundery rain, becoming brighter with showers, perhaps heavy. Wind southeasterly turning westerly, moderate to fresh. Humid. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **Central S and SW England, E & W Midlands, Channel Isles, S & N Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** dull, rain for a time, becoming brighter with showers, some heavy. Wind NW, moderate turning fresh to strong. Max 21C (70F)

☐ **E, NW, Central N, and NE England, Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** dry at first, rain spreading from west, perhaps thundery. Brighter later. Wind southeasterly, moderate to fresh, becoming light and variable. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** dry, some bright intervals but becoming more cloudy. Wind southeasterly, fresh to strong. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** occasional rain, some heavy or thundery. Wind variable, becoming mainly northwesterly, moderate. Max 19C (66F)

☐ **Outlook:** rain at times in the north, sunny spells in the south

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

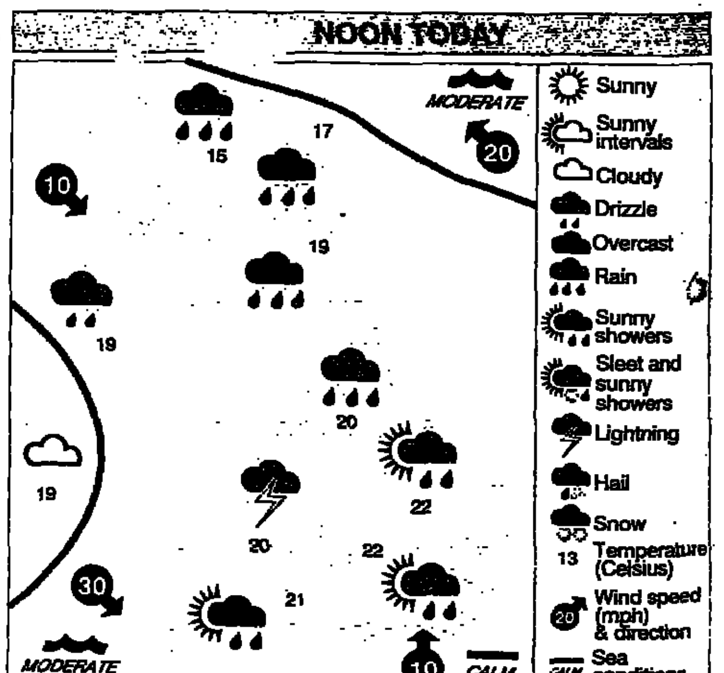
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Anglesey	3.8	-	23	73	c	Leuchars	11.7	-	23	73	s
Aspatria	4.5	-	25	77	c	London	14.0	-	25	77	s
Aviemore	4.5	-	22	72	b	Lowestoft	11.2	-	21	70	s
Belfast	1.1	0.17	16	61	r	Margate	13.7	-	23	73	s
Birmingham	13.6	-	28	82	s	Minehead	9.3	-	26	79	s
Bognor R	14.1	-	24	75	s	Morecambe	8.8	-	26	79	s
Bournem'th	13.8	-	25	77	s	Newcastle	12.4	-	23	73	
Bristol	3.8	-	26	79	s	Oxford	13.3	-	26	79	
Buxton	12.5	-	25	77	s	Poole	13.9	-	25	77	s
Cardiff	11.4	-	26	79	s	Prestatyn	x	-	28	82	b
Clacton	14.1	-	19	66	s	Ross-o-wye	13.0	-	27	81	s
Cromer	13.3	-	19	66	s	Ryde	13.9	-	22	72	s
Dunbar	6.2	-	23	73	b	Salcombe	6.6	-	21	70	c
Eastbourne	13.6	-	23	73	s	Sandown	13.4	-	22	72	s
Edinburgh	6.2	-	25	77	b	Saunton Snd	5.7	-	25	77	b
Eskdalemuir	x					Scarboro'	14.3	-	20	68	s
Exmouth	9.4	-	21	70	s	Shanklin	14.1	-	x	x	s
Falmouth	3.6	-	19	66	r	Shrewsbury	11.1	-	27	81	s
Fishguard	3.4	-	24	75	c	Skegness	12.7	-	20	68	s
Folkestone	14.0	-	25	77	s	Southend	-	-	23	73	b
Glasgow	x	0.07	21	70	r	Southport	9.3	-	26	79	s
Guernsey	8.8	-	26	79	s	Southsea	13.9	-	23	73	s
Hastings	13.8	-	25	77	s	Stornoway	1.8	0.20	16	61	r
Hayling I.	13.9	-	25	77	s	Swanage	12.8	-	20	68	s
Herne Bay	14.0	-	24	75	s	Teignmouth	9.0	-	20	68	s
Hove	11.8	-	24	75	s	Tenby	3.2	-	22	72	dr
Jersey	8.4	-	x	x	s	Torquay	10.9	-	21	70	s
Kinloss	1.4	-	21	70	c	Ventnor	13.5	-	21	70	s
Leeds	11.3	-	26	79	s	West-s-mare	9.4	-	27	81	s
Lerwick	3.7	-	14	57	d	Weymouth	10.3	-	21	70	s

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s	C'phagn	19	66	f	Malaga	27	81	s	S Paulo	24	75	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Dublin	19	66	s	Malta	31	88	s	Salzburg	21	70	f
Alex'dria	31	88	s	Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Melb'rne	13	55	s	Santiago	16	61	f
Algiers	29	84	s	Faro	24	75	s	Mexico C	22	72	s	Seoul	31	88	f
Amst'dm	21	70	s	Florence	30	86	f	Miami	32	90	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Athens	36	97	s	Frankfurt	22	72	f	Milan	27	81	f	St'kholm	20	68	s
B Aires	11	52	c	Funchal	25	77	s	Montreal	27	81	s	Strasb'rg	22	72	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Geneva	20	68	s	Moscow	21	70	f	Sydney	20	68	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Gibraltar	25	77	s	Munich	18	64	c	Tangier	25	77	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Helsinki	19	66	f	N Delhi	31	88	f	Tel Aviv	x		
Barcelona	26	79	s	Hong K	29	84	sh	N York	28	82	s	Tenerife	29	84	s
Beirut	29	84	s	Innsbrck	20	68	s	Nairobi	28	82	s	Tokyo	30	86	f
Belgrade	21	70	f	Istanbul	26	79	f	Naples	29	84	s	Toronto	26	79	s
Berlin	20	68	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	27	81	s	Tunis	35	95	s
Bermuda	29	84	f	Jo'burg	9	48	d	Oslo	23	73	f	Valencia	29	84	s
Biarritz	28	82	s	Karachi	x			Paris	26	79	s	Vanc'ver	15	59	r
Borde'x	29	84	s	L Angels	24	75	c	Peking	24	75	r	Venice	25	77	s
Brussels	21	70	s	L Palmas	28	82	s	Perth	15	59	c	Vienna	16	61	c
Budapest	20	68	f	Le Touqt	24	75	f	Prague	16	61	f	Warsaw	17	63	f
Cairo	32	90	s	Lisbon	25	77	s	Reykjavik	10	50	c	Wash'ton	28	82	f
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Locarno	25	77	s	Rhodes	31	88	s	Wel'ngton	x		
Ch'church	x			Luxembg	21	70	f	Rio de J	25	77	s	Zurich	19	66	c
Chicago	28	82	s	Luxor	38	100	s	Riyadh	42	108	s				
Cologne	21	70	f	Madrid	31	88	s	Rome	28	82	f				
Corfu	34	93	s	Majorca	28	82	s	S Fr'isco	19	66	c				

Temperatures at midday local time Sunday. X = not available

NOON TODAY



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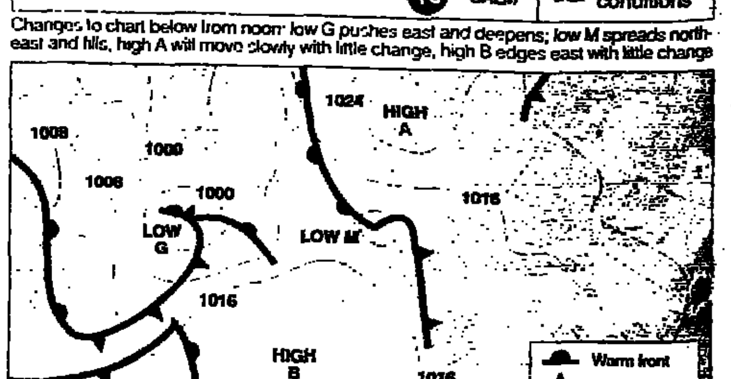

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6·32	6.7	6·40	6.6	Leith	7·42	5.1	8·15	4.8
Aberdeen	6·09	3.9	7·03	3.6	Liverpool	3·56	8.6	4·22	8.1
Avonmouth	11·51	11.4	-	-	Lowestoft	2·40	2.2	2·30	2.3
Belfast	4·01	3.4	4·36	3.2	Margate	4·53	4.4	5·05	4.4
Cardiff	11·42	10.2	-	-	Milford Haven	11·09	5.9	11·38	5.8
Devonport	10·38	4.7	10·51	4.6	Newquay	10·01	5.7	10·33	5.6
Dover	3·47	6.1	4·09	6.1	Oban	10·19	3.0	11·04	3.0
Dublin (N Wall)	4·28	3.8	5·12	3.6	Penzance	9·30	4.8	10·00	4.7
Falmouth	10·19	4.3	10·45	4.4	Portland	11·22	1.6	11·40	1.6
Greenock	5·03	3.4	5·33	3.2	Portsmouth	4·01	4.3	4·29	4.3
Harwich	4·34	3.7	4·48	3.7	Shoreham	3·57	5.5	4·23	5.5
Holyhead	3·03	5.1	3·30	4.7	Southampton	3·28	4.2	4·01	4.2
Hull (Albert D)	11·04	6.9	11·45	6.3	Swansea	11·10	8.2	11·40	8.0
Ilfracombe	10·48	8.0	11·19	7.8	Tees	8·46	4.9	9·23	4.6
King's Lynn	11·08	6.0	11·47	5.4	Walton-on-Naze	4·27	3.9	4·44	3.9

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Nottingham, 28C (82F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Ballykelly, Co Londonderry, 0.86in; highest sunshine: Scarborough, North Yorkshire, 14.3hr

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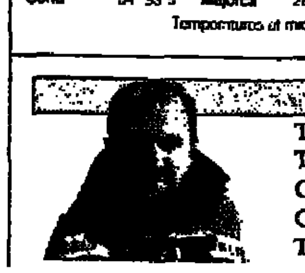

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